

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates – October 2015
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Approach to market – consultancy services panel

Senator: Wong

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With reference to Austender Approach to Market: ATM 02_2015 relating to a Consultancy Services Panel for the OOSGG:

1. Can the Office provide further details of this ATM?
2. Does it relate to the Vice Regal Property Master Plan?

Answer:

In the May 2015 Federal Budget, the Office was funded for an administered capital budget to manage the Admiralty House and Government House heritage properties.

A Consultancy Services Panel has been established to provide an efficient response to the anticipated procurement requirements for consultant services relating to the Property Works Plan (PWP), for the Government House and Admiralty House properties. The PWP replaces the Vice-Regal Property Master Plan which concluded on 30 June 2015. Existing Commonwealth panels did not have the specialisations anticipated for these works across both property locations.

The Panel will create efficiencies and savings for both the Commonwealth and the market, and will provide the Office with access to consultant services relating to: Heritage Architecture, Architecture, Heritage Landscape Architecture, Engineering and Quantity Surveying. The Panel is open to use by other Government agencies.