

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

When and how often does PM&C in consultation with Finance report on - and give advice on - the extent of Indigenous business participation in government procurement?

Answer:

The Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) contains clear periodic reporting and accountability arrangements. From 1 July 2015, each Commonwealth portfolio needs to meet an annual Indigenous procurement target. Data on performance against the target, as well as on performance against the other requirements of the IPP, is collected through AusTender, as well as through periodic manual reporting to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Department also provides implementation reports to the Prime Minister and to the Indigenous Advisory Council on a quarterly basis.

These reporting arrangements allow the Department to provide regular advice to government on the extent of Indigenous business participation in government procurement. Performance is reported publicly on the Department's website on an annual basis, for the Commonwealth as a whole, and on a portfolio-by-portfolio basis.