

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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Senator: Senator Gallagher

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Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. I think your audit finds that 80 per cent of the secrecy clauses were inappropriately applied or had been misreported. Is that 80 per cent of the four agencies or 80 per cent of the \$30 billion?

Ms Kairouz: That was 80 per cent of 101 contracts that we sampled from the four agencies.

Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have a dollar figure on those?

Ms Kairouz: We probably do. It might take me a minute to find.

Answer:

ANAO Audit Report No. 4 of 2015-16, *Confidentiality in Government Contracts: Senate Order for Departmental and Entity Contracts (Calendar Year 2014 Compliance)* provides the total percentage of contracts reported as containing confidentiality provisions in each of the audited entities (page 26). The total dollar value of the 80 per cent of the 101 contracts sampled and found to have confidentiality provisions inappropriately used or reported was not included. However, the ANAO has provided it below, along with the total value of the 101 contracts sampled within audited entities.

Number and value of contracts sampled in the audited entities

	Finance	PM&C	DSS	DVA	All entities ^(a)
No of the contracts sampled in auditee entities and contract value in millions	45 (\$29.6m)	9 (\$2.6m)	17 (\$52.5m)	30 (\$847.6m)	101 (\$932.3m)
No of contracts sampled in auditee entities with inappropriate use or misreported and contract value in millions	42 (\$26.7m)	9 (\$2.6m)	13 (\$13.7m)	17 (\$753.5m)	81 (\$796.5m)

Source: ANAO analysis.

Note: (a) Figures are rounded.