

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-17

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Data61

Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Ms Bull: We have sought advice from Data61.

Senator McALLISTER: Was that by open tender or some other arrangement?

Ms Bull: No, that was a decision made because of their technical expertise in this area.

Senator McALLISTER: The procurement is so small as not to require a formal process?

Ms Bull: I need to take that on notice. That decision was made while I was on leave.

Senator McALLISTER: I think it would be helpful to know what the procurement process has been to get Data61 involved. Whatever that process involved, I would like to understand it—on notice. When do you expect that review to report?

Answer:

The advice from Data61 was sought using an existing arrangement that Data61 have in place with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. There was no additional cost incurred by the Government with regard to this advice.

There will be no formal reporting from this review.