

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017**

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

**(AE17/039) - Conflict of interest declarations - Internal Product (DIBP)**

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 71) asked:

Mr Wright: People from the department; consultants working on the project on our behalf. It would not list individuals who are part of the tenderers. Their conflict of interest declarations were through the tender process. As part of the tender process they were required to put forward any conflicts of interest they may have.

Senator KIM CARR: As I say, I cannot go into this because we are not in camera—

Mr Wright: Correct.

Senator KIM CARR: Does it include all officers?

Mr Wright: As far as I am aware, it should include all officers who have been involved with this project, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: I will ask you to check that please.

Mr Wright: Yes, I certainly will.

*Answer:*

The Procurement Evaluation and Probity Plan for the Headquarters Project includes specific clauses which require all persons involved in the procurement to declare any real or apparent conflicts of interest and provide an undertaking to keep information relating to the procurement confidential.

The Deed of Confidentiality Register is a complete list of all the officers in the Department, and all consultants to the Department who were involved in the procurement, either as members of the Evaluation Committee, or in supporting roles requiring access to information relating to the procurement which is confidential to the tenderers or the Department.