

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/286) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6 Illegal maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Was the Secretary's decision to appoint Transfield to the contract on Manus Island without a tender in line with the Australian Government's Procurement Guidelines?

Answer:

The department conducted a limited tender procurement process, in accordance with clause 10.3 (b) of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules to ensure continuation of services to transferees on Manus Island.

Clause 10.3 (b) states:

“Where, for reasons of extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseen by the agency, the goods and services could not be obtained in time under the open tender or prequalified tender”.

Transfield's proposal was assessed as representing value for money and, as a result of that procurement, was engaged by the department.