

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/289) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

Please explain the Austender contract for a business adviser to support procurement.

- a. Why did the price for this contract extend from \$482,000 to \$800,000?
- b. What services or advice was this for?
- c. Was it awarded to KPMG?
- i. If not, to who was it awarded?
- d. When did work commence on this evaluation?
- e. When did the successful tender applicant present its report/evaluation to the Department?
- f. Please explain the contract in light of the response by Secretary Bowles in the Estimates hearing on 27 May 2014 where there was some confusion about what exactly the tender was for.

Answer:

- (a) The contract was increased from \$482,000 to \$800,000 to ramp up business advisor services to ensure completion of the Onshore Immigration Detention Services Procurement process by the deadline of mid December 2014.
- (b) The contract is for business advisor services to support and assist the department's internal resources for the Onshore Immigration Detention Services Procurement. Specific services under this contract include financial advisory services, business advisory services and project support services.
- (c) No. Information Services Group (ISG).
- (d) Wednesday 19 February 2014.
- (e) A report/evaluation was not required.
- (f) The contract with ISG is not related to the procurement activity leading to the consolidation of offshore detention services and Transfield being engaged to deliver garrison and welfare services on Manus.