

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/524) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders?
2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any of the firms on your panel
6. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels
7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

Answer:

1. No.
2. Prequalified or multi-use list panels used by the portfolio but coordinated by other agencies are:

Legal Services is a multi-use list coordinated by the Attorney-General's Department and the list of firms on this panel is available via the following link:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.mul.view&MULUUIID=F77194AB-90DB-538E-FCB3816A0782DCDA>

The portfolio currently uses the following firms from this multi-use panel:

- Australian Government Solicitor
- Clayton Utz
- DLA Piper
- Sparke Helmore
- Ashurst
- Maddocks

Design, Production and Distribution is a multi-use list coordinated by the Department of Human Services and the list of firms on this panel is available via the following link:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.mul.view&MULUUIID=E0F91BF6-03EB-7930-340468AFABAF54D2>

The portfolio currently uses the following firms from this multi-use panel:

- Abnote Australiasia
- CanPrint Communications

3. Officers directly involved in a procurement process are required to declare any interest, financial or otherwise as a condition of being involved in the relevant process. More broadly, under the *Public Service Act 1997*, all public servants are required to disclose, and take reasonable steps to avoid any conflict of interest (real or apparent) in connection with APS employment. Where there is disclosure, it is dealt with on a case by case basis at the relevant point in time.

4. The Special Minister of State will answer this question on behalf of the portfolio.

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7. Neither Australian Public Affairs Pty Ltd nor Australian Public Affairs Ltd Partnership is on any of the portfolio's panels.