

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 26 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/052) - AusTender Compliance - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA 13) asked:

Senator KIM CARR: Can I ask with regard to question AE15/121, which is the reference to an AusTender compliance, detention and status resolution. This was a tender for regional processing centres, and the answer tells me that the closing date for tenders was 7 April. How many tenders were received?

Mr Pezullo: I will ask Ms Briscoe to lead on this. Because the evaluation, I know, is still ongoing, I am not sure that we are in a position to advise the precise numbers. I might see if Ms Briscoe has got anything that she can add but I am not sure that we would be openly canvassing how many tenders were received prior to the evaluation being concluded.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the status of the evaluation?

Mr Pezullo: I might ask Ms Briscoe to lead on that.

Mr Briscoe: I can confirm that is correct. The evaluation is in progress, so it would not be appropriate at this point to talk about the number of responses.

Senator KIM CARR: When do you expect a decision?

Mr Briscoe: From memory, I think the finalisation of that is due in October this year but I will clarify that.

Senator KIM CARR: You are suggesting that telling us how many tenders submitted would be a commercial-in-confidence matter—is that the suggestion?

Mr Briscoe: I actually do not have that information to hand at the moment either, sorry.

Answer:

The number of tenders received is considered commercial-in-confidence whilst the evaluation is in progress.

Outcomes are expected to be determined in October 2015.