

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 25 May 2015

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE15/147) - Security - DIBP National Office - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Rhiannon, Lee (L&CA) written:

- What security settings are in place to access the Secretary's office at DIBP? When were they installed and how much did they cost? Why are they necessary? Top secret documents are stored in safes throughout the department. Why is extra security needed?
- Have all security services contracts in place for DIBP offices in Australia gone through a tender process? If no tender process was carried out please provide details as to why not.

Answer:

The Secretary's office security measures have been implemented to meet the obligations under the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF).

The works were undertaken during the period from October through to December 2014 and cost \$87,578 (ex-GST).

The Secretary and a number of other Senior Executives require access to a variety of classified material including classified systems in the course of their day-to-day duties.

Yes however, the alarm panel maintenance contract was direct sourced due to the fact that at the time there was no competition in the market and only one vendor could deliver the ASIO T4 accredited services. The Department will assess the market and determine if there are any competitive respondents available in the market prior to re-tendering.