

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING : 05 May 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE16/011) - Offshore contracts - Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

Senator Gallacher, Alex (L&CA 119) asked:

Senator GALLACHER: So very clearly you have a decision to make in 2017. You are doing your due diligence and you are in the market potentially for new providers. How often do you meet with particular providers and how much money are you spending on that pursuit?

Mr Pezzullo: That would refer to the tender process, so I do not know that we meet as such. We are considering a tender, aren't we? You might describe for the senator's benefit where we are in the tender process perhaps.

Ms Briscoe: The current stage of the tender process is as per the procurement requirements. So the request for tender is in the market. I would have to take on notice the closing date. I do not have that to hand. Responses will come in and then an evaluation process will commence.

Answer:

The tender responses were due on 15 July 2016.