

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Group: 1

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question No. SBE4/092

Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times:
 - a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?
 - b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?
 - c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

1a)-c): With the exception of the Australian Federal Police and the CrimTrac Agency, no agency within the portfolio has re-issued or issued tenders multiple times since 31 May 2014.

Australian Federal Police

Electronic Traffic Infringement System

1. An open tender for an Electronic Traffic Infringement System was first issued in December 2013, and reissued in December 2014.

a-b): The initial tender was issued in December 2013. As it was an open tender all potential suppliers were invited to tender, with two tenders submissions received.

Following consideration of the responses, it was determined that neither tenderer could provide the Australian Federal Police with a viable value for money solution.

A revised limited tender was issued in December 2014. Three tenderers were invited to tender. At the time of writing the tender remains open and therefore, it is not possible to advise on the number of responses.

The revised tender documentation invited expressions of interest from selected tenderers to provide a system to trial and the documentation clarified the scope of the requirement.

c): Yes.

CrimTrac Agency

CA Directory Licence and Maintenance (CrimTrac reference C14/93)

1. A tender for CA Directory Licence and Maintenance was first issued on 14 July 2014, and reissued on 23 July 2014.

a-b: The tender was issued on 14 July 2014. Three tenderers were invited to tender, with one tender received.

During evaluation it was determined that the response did not fully meet CrimTrac's requirements and the procurement process was cancelled while the statement of requirements was updated to better reflect CrimTrac's requirements.

The revised tender was issued on 23 July 2014. Three tenderers were invited to tender, with two tenders received.

c: Yes

Network Engineer Contractor (CrimTrac reference C14/111)

1: A tender for a Network Engineer Contractor was first issued in August 2014, and reissued in October 2014.

a-b: The tender was issued in August 2014. Nine tenderers were invited to tender, with five tenders received.

Following consideration of the responses, a contract was offered to the two preferred suppliers but both withdrew their offers because their network engineers had accepted other contracts. The other responses were deemed to not have network engineers with sufficient experience or not represent value for money.

The requirements were reissued in October 2014 to obtain curriculum vitae (CVs) for additional network engineers. Four tenderers were invited to submit new CVs with four tenderers providing responses.

c: No

Electronic Access Control System (Swipe Readers) (CrimTrac reference C14/106 and C14/152)

1. A tender for Electronic Access Control System was first issued in August 2014, and reissued in November 2014.

a-b: The tender was issued on 6 August 2014. Seven tenderers were invited to tender, with four tenders received. During evaluation CrimTrac realised that the first tender may not have contained sufficient information regarding requirements or scope of works and therefore it was difficult to assess the tenders. A new procurement was issued including revised requirements.

The revised tender was issued on 17 November 2014. Seven tenderers were invited to tender, with four tenders received.

c: Yes