

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

**Group: 1**

**Program: Whole-of-Portfolio**

**Question No. SBE14/113**

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

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?

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

1. The following agencies in the portfolio have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders:  
Attorney-General's Department  
Australian Council for the Arts  
Australian Federal Police  
Australian Law Reform Commission  
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation  
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre  
CrimTrac  
Museum of Australian Democracy/Old Parliament House  
National Archives of Australia  
National Film and Sound Archive  
National Library of Australia  
National Museum of Australia
2. The Department has established and manages the Legal Services Multi-Use List. The list of providers on this panel is available on the department's website.  
<http://www.ag.gov.au/LegalSystem/LegalServicesCoordination/Pages/Purchasingservicesfromthelegalservicesmultiuselist.aspx>

For the remainder of the listed agencies, to attempt to provide the level of information requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3-6: All employees have an obligation to declare any interest that could influence, or be seen to influence, their work. According to departmental records, no Executive Level or higher-level staff have declared an interest, financial or otherwise, in any firms on our panel.

All ministerial staff in the Attorney-General's Office comply with the disclosure requirements in their respective Statement of Private Interests.

7. No.