

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/393) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

What are the processes of submitting a tender for the purposes of running Australia's onshore immigration detention centres?

Does this process also include Christmas Island?

If not, what is the tender process for running the Christmas Island detention centre?

What are the requirements needed for a submission of a tender?

Do these requirements include past experience in running a detention centre?

Do they include experience in welfare management?

Do they include experience in managing people with mental illness and other mental health related problems, for example post-traumatic stress disorder?

Do they include an outline of practice and procedure for staff conduct?

Answer:

- a. Tenders were submitted through the Australian Government's Procurement information system 'AusTender', before the closing time of Wednesday 28 May 2014 5:00 pm (local time in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory).
- b. Yes
- c. N/A
- d. Tenders were to meet the requirements as set out in Part 1 (RFT Details) and Part 2 (Terms and Conditions) of the Request for Tender (RFT).
- e. Tender responses were evaluated on their ability to demonstrate capability, capacity and experience delivering the services outlined in the RFT. However, experience was not limited to delivery of services in the immigration detention context.
- f. As per answer above.
- g. As per answer above.
- h. Yes, Tenderers were required to observe and uphold the standards of conduct outlined in the Code of Conduct, including describing how they would ensure Personnel understand and comply with the code of conduct. They were also required to describe the complaints process and process that would be in place for breaches of the code of conduct.