

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/394) PROGRAMME – 3.5 and 3.6: Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) Offshore Management

Senator Carr (Written) asked:

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

What are the criteria to be satisfied for a successful submission?

Is there any additional research conducted into the contractors/companies who have submitted a tender?

Who conducts this research?

Answer:

- a. Tenders must be submitted through the Australian Government's Procurement information system AusTender prior to the closing time of the Request for Tender (RFT). The RFT process must comply with clause 6.6 *Ethical Behaviour* of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. All personnel involved in the procurement process must be aware of the obligations placed on them as officials conducting procurement processes.
- b. Tenders must be received before the closing time and submitted through AusTender. Tenders must meet the conditions of a compliance check ensuring they achieve the Mandatory Requirements, Conditions for Participation and Minimum Content and Format requirements as set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Request for Tender.
- c. Yes, if required the department may undertake additional checks including, but not limited to, financial undertaking checks, risk assessments and/or referee checks with the tenderer's nominated referees.
- d. This research is conducted by departmental staff from the Procurement branch who may be supported by consultants and external financial experts as required.