

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 320**

**Topic: Serco Pty Ltd**

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**Senator JOYCE asked:**

**Senator JOYCE**—Are you aware of a company Serco Pty Ltd?

**Mr Ray**—No.

**Senator BUSHBY**—They should be.

**Senator JOYCE**—You should be.

**CHAIR**—Would you care to elucidate?

**Senator JOYCE**—There is a company called Serco Pty Ltd. Has the department agreed to limit this company under contracts that were signed in December last year?

**Mr Ray**—I honestly do not know what you are talking about, so I will take the question on notice and find out.

**Senator JOYCE**—How about if I give you a bit more information?

**Answer:**

The Department of the Treasury has no contracts with Serco Pty Ltd. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship advises the following.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship has entered into two separate contracts with Serco Australia Pty Ltd for the provision of Detention Services in different types of facilities.

The contract signed in June 2009 relates to Immigration Detention Facilities. The contract signed in December 2009 relates to Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation.

Each contract has a liability limit that is commensurate with the overall value of each contract, that reflects the different services to be provided in each of the facilities and that takes into account the risks relevant to the provision of those services in the respective facilities.