

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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Question

Contracts during caretaker period.

Senator McKENZIE: I will be limiting the time. In terms of the caretaker period, or the cusp of caretaker, did the department enter any contracts? Ms Paul: I do not think we are able to during caretaker. Senator McKENZIE: No, you are not able to, but I am just double-checking that you did not. Ms Paul: I am assuming not, but I will check for you if you like. Senator McKENZIE: Thank you so much.

Answer

16 contracts were in progress either on the cusp or during caretaker period. Of these 16 contracts, 13 were executed before the caretaker period commenced. Three contracts were executed during caretaker. The then Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations followed the caretaker convention guidelines relating to entering into contracts during the caretaker period.