

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR TENDER SELECTION PANEL – 8 FEBRUARY 2010

Portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Department/Agency: Australian Institute of Family Studies**

**Outcome/Output Group: 1.1**

**Topic: RFT selection panel for AIFS' Media Relations Services provider**

**Senator: Ryan**

**Question on Notice: PM 8**

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**Senator Ryan asked:**

I am not familiar with your particular processes. I take it that the people on that panel were all from inside the AIFS?

**Ms Tait**—I do not have that information with me at this time, but yes, I believe so.

**Senator RYAN**—I would appreciate the names of who was on the panel and also whether or not any members of the panel had any contact with any minister's office regarding this particular contract. You may be able to answer this now; you may have to take it on notice.

**Answer:**

(a) The Evaluation Report of the Request for Tender 08/04 to select the Australian Institute of Family Studies' (AIFS) Media Relations Services provider records that the Evaluation Panel comprised:

Chair: Dr Matthew Gray, Deputy Director (Research), AIFS

Member: Ms Sue Tait, Deputy Director (Corporate & Strategy), AIFS

Member: Ms Yvonne Paulke, General Manager, Accountability & Reporting, AIFS

Adviser: Professor Alan Hayes, Director, AIFS.

(b) No member of the evaluation and selection panel had any contact with any Ministers' office regarding the Request for Tender process or the resulting contract (No.158) between AIFS and Cut-through Communications, its Media Relations Services provider.