Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2010 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Topic: Australian Disability Enterprises Question reference number: PM 94 Senator Fifield asked:

- a. Does the ASPC contract any work to any Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's) or other businesses that primarily employ people with a disability?
- b. Does the ASPC actively encourage departments and agencies to consider contracts with ADE's

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Response:

- a. No. The Commission does not currently contract any work to Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) or other businesses that primarily employ people with a disability.
- b. The Commission does not actively encourage departments and agencies to consider contracts with ADEs. All APS agencies are, however, obliged to have regard to the relevant provisions of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, that make reference to the procurement of goods and/or services from ADEs.