

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Wong
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Question:

When did the department commence work on selecting Newgate Communications as the Communications adviser to assist with the scoping study into the sale of Medibank Private Limited?

When did the department advise the Minister that it had contracted Newgate Communications to be the Communications adviser to assist with the scoping study into the sale of Medibank Private Limited?

Answer:

Finance commenced work on a Request for Tender (RFT) for a communications adviser for the scoping study on 2 December 2013. The RFT was released on 18 December 2013 and closed on 16 January 2013. The contract with Newgate Communications Pty Ltd was signed on 29 January 2014 and reported on Austender on 6 February 2014.

The Minister for Finance was briefed on the appointment of Newgate on 4 February 2014.