

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Register of Contract and Grant Recipients

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Question:

- a) Has work commenced on the centralised register of Commonwealth contract and grant recipients, which is to be administered by Finance as per the Government's *Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation* policy?
- b) If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this register?
- c) Are any additional financial resources required to set up the register?

If work has not commenced on the register, why not?

Answer:

- a) Yes, work has commenced.

AusTender currently provides the centralised publication of Commonwealth Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans, multi-use lists and procurement contracts awarded (which are greater than \$10,000 in value).

Austender was established in 2007. An equivalent system had been in place since 2000.

The AusTender platform will be used to develop the grants system. The project to build grants.gov.au is currently in its scoping phase.

- b) Resource Management Branch is leading the grants.gov.au scoping phase with technical input from Procurement Policy Branch. Procurement Policy Branch will then implement and maintain the new system.
- c) Finance received funding in the 2013-14 Budget to develop a web based whole-of-government grants registration, application and reporting system. No additional financial resources are required.