

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

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Topic: Commonwealth Procurement Panel

Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Has work commenced on the single, rationalised Commonwealth procurement panel to administer a centralised register of service providers who wish to contract with the Commonwealth, which is to be centrally administered by Finance as per the Government's Boosting Productivity and Reducing Regulation policy?
2. If so, which branch in Finance is responsible for this procurement panel?
3. Are any additional financial resources required to set up the procurement panel?
4. How many Commonwealth procurement panels were in existence at the time of the 2013 Federal Election?
5. How many panellists are envisaged to be on the single procurement panel?
6. What is the duration of the single procurement panel arrangements?
7. If work has not commenced on the single, rationalised Commonwealth procurement panel, why not?

Answer:

1. Yes, initial analysis on the number and range of panels reported on AusTender has commenced.
2. Technology and Procurement Division is the area in Finance responsible for the analysis.
3. Resources requirements will be determined as part of the analysis.
4. As at 7 September 2013, there were 1,132 active procurement panels and multi-use lists reported on AusTender. This included 1,104 procurement panels and 28 multi-use lists.
5. This will be determined as part of the analysis.
6. This will be determined as part of the analysis.
7. Not applicable.