

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

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: Medibank

Topic: Contracts, services, appointments and business undertaken before the caretaker period

Senator: McKenzie

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

1. Had your agency issued any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants in the caretaker period or on the cusp of caretaker? Can you please provide details of what date such correspondence issued and how many groups were written to?
2. Have there been any contracts signed by your agency in the caretaker period? Can you please provide details of the amounts involved?
3. Who were the other parties to these contracts?
4. What was the extent of any competitive process?
5. What was the level of involvement by Ministers and/or their offices?
6. How much funding has this agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms?
7. Were any contract negotiations called off in the last year after short-listing but before execution of contracts?
8. Were there any appointments made by Ministers to board positions or other senior or representative roles within your portfolio on the cusp of caretaker period, or during caretaker period?
 - a) What were the dates of such decisions?
 - b) What processes were involved in these appointment decisions?
 - c) How were these decisions each announced?
9. How much has your agency spent in the last year on PR firms, focus groups, lobbyists or external communications contracts or services? What were the decision processes for those contracts and what was the level of Ministerial or Minister office input into those decisions?

Answer:

1. to 7. As a Government Business Enterprise, this question is not applicable to Medibank.
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