

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 2/2.1

Topic: Procurement – Australian Disability Enterprises.

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- a) **Senator Fifield:** ...Is it something that the government monitors across portfolios? I know the department takes steps to remind purchasing officers across government that there is this exemption available, but is the take-up of that something which is systematically monitored or do you just become aware of particular instances?...
- b) **Senator Fifield:** What about in relation to the department of Finance itself and its purchasing through Disability Enterprises?

Mr Grant: We do not have that information.

Senator Wong: We are looking behind us in the hope that someone will move, but nothing is happening. I do not think that we can help. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

- a) Information on contracts awarded, including to Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs), is reported on AusTender. Each year this data is matched to a list of ADEs and their business registration details, including each organisation's Australian Business Number (ABN), which is maintained by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- b) As at 17 June 2011, Finance had engaged three Australian Disability Enterprises for a total value of \$66,188.28.