

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

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SENATOR Moore asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

I will be putting on notice issues with respect to the various components to do with the tenders and so on and about where I find out about things that would be, say, \$1,000 or \$2,000 within your department. There is probably some general discussion, but I am interested in that within your department. So I will put that on notice rather than waste time here this evening. That would then come through your agency, Mr Whalan, COS and all the others. So it will come through that way.

Where can I find out about tenders under \$10,000?

Centrelink's systems for reporting on consultancy contracts are designed to satisfy the reporting requirements in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Annual Report guidelines.

All purchases valued at over \$10,000 (whether the result of a tender or not) are publicly reported by Centrelink on AusTender, the Australian Government procurement website. The threshold for reporting on AusTender increased from \$2,000 to \$10,000 on 1 January 2005 with the introduction of the revised Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.