

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 26-27 MAY 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(132) Program: Internal Product

Senator Macdonald asked:

(1) Could the Department list how many contracts it currently has with a company named Serco, a company named Sodexho, a company named Sodexo and a company named Serco Sodexho Defence Services Pty Ltd?

(2) Could the Department supply the same information with any other company of which the Department is aware, is associated with any of the named companies?

(3) In relation to each company, please list the nature of the contract, and the principal location of where the contract work is being carried out.

(4) Is the Department aware of any business relationship between any or all of the four mentioned companies?

(5) In relation to each of the four companies, is the headquarters and registered office of the companies in Australia? If not in what country is the registered office of the four mentioned companies?

(6) In relation to each of the companies could the department please indicate the value of the contracts entered into with all or any of those companies?

Answer:

(1) The Department currently has two Detention Services contracts with Serco Australia Pty Ltd (Serco), for Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation services, and Immigration Detention Centres. Full details of the contract notices are available at www.tender.gov.au

The Department does not have any contractual arrangements with the following companies:

Sodexho

Sodexo

Serco Sodexho Defence Service Pty Ltd.

(2) The "Sodexo/Sodexho" companies have a parent company in France, Sodexo Alliance and the "Serco" companies have a parent company in the United Kingdom, Serco Group Plc. The two groups of companies are separate entities and operate in different fields. There are no contracts between the Department and the parent company Serco Group Plc.

(3) See response to part (2).

(4) We understand further that Serco Sodexo Defence Services Pty Ltd is a joint venture company owned equally by involving Serco Australia Pty Ltd and Sodexo Australia Pty Ltd. Serco Sodexo Defence Services Pty Ltd is run as a separate company from both Serco Australia Pty Ltd and Sodexo Australia Pty Ltd.

(5) Serco Australia Pty Ltd Headquarters is located at Level 10, 90 Arthur Street, North Sydney, 2060, NSW.

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(6) The value of the contracts entered into between the Department and Serco Australia Pty Ltd is available at www.tenders.gov.au