

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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Senator Murray asked:

What problems, if any, has the agency and/or relevant staff experienced in complying with the Senate Order? What is the nature and cause of any problems? What measures have been, or could be, adopted to address these concerns?

Answer:

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The compilation of the Senate Order report currently entails some additional manual processing. The department has proposed to introduce a national contracts database integrated into its financial management information system in 2006 in order to improve the efficiency of maintaining the contracts database.

The department suggests that the reporting facilities of the AusTender system could be enhanced to provide the information currently required by the Senate Order.

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The Tribunals have not encountered any problems with complying with the Senate Order.