

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 1 November 2005

IMMIGRATION AND MULTICULTURAL AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

(281) Output: 3.1 Whole-of-government coordination of policy development and service delivery for Indigenous Australians

Senator Evans asked:

1. Who is sub-contracted by OIPC to perform the viability assessments on various projects?
2. What is the process, tender or otherwise, for selecting the sub-contractor?

Answer:

1. KPMG, Chartered Accountants (Darwin) has been contracted by OIPC to conduct viability assessments on economic development proposals submitted for funding from the Aboriginals Benefit Account.
2. KPMG was originally contracted by the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission. OIPC has extended that contract until a decision is made on a public Request For Tender (RFT) posted on the Australian Government's Austender website.