

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE12/0036) PROGRAM – OMARA

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Were stakeholders advised of the tender? Who was advised? How were they advised? On what date were they advised? Who was awarded the contract to provide “Services for the design and development of an ethical framework and toolkit” and on what basis did they win the tender?

Answer:

On 4 March 2011, an email was sent by the Office to all commercial providers of continuing professional development activities registered with the Office of the MARA, the St James Ethics Centre and the Australian Public Service Commission informing them that this RFQ was on the AusTender website.

Fragomen Australia Pty Ltd was awarded the contract. This response was evaluated as representing the best value for money on based on the evaluation methodology detailed in the evaluation plan.