

List of Recommendations

Recommendation 1

3.12 The committee recommends the Department of Finance provide to the committee by 1 September 2014:

- a link to a prototype of the AusTender website with agencies' compiled Senate order reports for the 2013-14 financial year; and
- a copy of the revised version of Financial Management Guidance No. 8 *Guidance on the Listing of Contract Details on the Internet (Meeting the Senate order on Departmental and Agency Contracts)* in draft form.

Recommendation 2

3.24 The committee recommends the Department of Finance amend the title of the report in AusTender to 'Agency reports complying with the Senate order on procurement contracts and use of confidentiality provisions'.

Recommendation 3

3.34 The committee recommends that the Senate order be amended:

- to provide that, following the tabling of the Auditor-General's report pursuant to paragraph (5) of the Senate order in 2014, the Auditor-General conduct an audit of compliance with the Senate order biennially for the next four years with reports due no later than 30 September 2016 and 30 September 2018;
- to provide that in the letter of advice tabled pursuant to paragraph (1) of the Senate order, that Ministers must certify that none of the contracts included in the list contain inappropriate confidentiality provisions as measured against the Department of Finance's guidance;
- to reflect legislative changes as a result of the *Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, so the Senate order applies to Commonwealth entities; and
- with respect to any further technical aspects of the Senate order which are found, in consultation between the Clerk of the Senate and the committee, to require amendment.

