

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

**Inquiry into the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic
2020 - 2021**

Division: Strategic Policy and Coordination Division
Topic: Treasury's contract with Resolve Strategic (CN3695740)
Reference: Written

Question:

1. In relation to Treasury's contract with Resolve Strategic for \$554,675 (CN3695740):
- a. What are the deliverables under the contract and will any of these be made public.
 - b. Why was the contract awarded under a limited tender.
 - c. Please provide the Committee with an unredacted copy of the contract.
 - d. Has Treasury discussed the contract with any ministerial offices. If yes, please provide details.
 - e. Why has the value of the contract been amended four times.
 - f. Why were two contract amendments cancelled and what did these relate to.

Answer:

1 a., b., d. and e. Please refer to the evidence provided by the department to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee on 26 October 2020.

c. Treasury is unable to provide a copy of the contract as it contains commercial in confidence information which, if disclosed, would be detrimental to the contractor concerned and provide their competitors with an unfair insight into their business affairs.

f. On 11 August 2020, the contractor notified the department of a privacy issue in the details published on Austender. To address this, the department was required to remove the information and republish the variations. This occurred on 13 August 2020.