

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

Impact of Defence Training Activities and Facilities on Rural and Regional Communities – 12 July 2017

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Defence

Topic: Number and Value of 2016-17 Contracts

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Senator: Back

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Question:

Senator BACK: Before you do, could you pick up on statement 139? 2015-16 was 285 contracts worth \$141 million. You said that in 2016-17 you were on track for 420 contracts. Did you achieve it? What was the dollar value of those? If you can't tell us, can you tell us on notice?

Mr Grzeskowiak: The books are still closing on that, so I do not have the final figures.

Senator BACK: It would also be useful to name what your target is for 2017-18.

Mr Grzeskowiak: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Defence has submitted its 2016-17 Indigenous Procurement Policy Target reporting to the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet.

Defence exceeded its first 2015-16 year target of 70 (0.5 per cent of Commonwealth contracts) awarding 285 contracts with Indigenous businesses. Defence met and again exceeded the 2016-17 target of 420 contracts with Indigenous businesses.

Final results will be announced by the Government soon.

Portfolio agencies have been advised that the 2016-17 target of 3% will remain the same for the 2017-18 equating to 420 contracts for the Defence Portfolio.