

## Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee

### Impact of Defence Training Activities and Facilities on Rural and Regional Communities – 22 August 2017

#### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

##### Department of Defence

**Topic:** Indigenous Organisation Exemption from CPRs

**Question reference number:** 1

**Senator:** Kitching

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#### **Question:**

**Senator KITCHING:** I want to talk about the exemptions. They may not overlap in that you may be able to use the exemption for Indigenous organisations or the rural and regional exemption. Firstly, the Commonwealth procurement rules would have to change to allow the second exemption. On Indigenous organisations, you've got nine per cent at Tindal. How does that average out across Australia, if it's being measured in that way? Tindal may be nine per cent, but somewhere else may be three per cent.

**Brig. Beutel:** I'd have to take that on notice. We've just provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, which is responsible for this policy area, our statistics as part of normal reporting. I don't have that with me, but I can provide it 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 has met and again exceeded the 2016-17 Indigenous Procurement Policy Target of 420 contracts with Indigenous businesses.

Final results will be announced by Government.

Defence Indigenous Procurement Policy results for 2015-16, by geographic region, are as follows:

**2015/16**

<b>State</b>	<b>No of Indigenous Contracts</b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
ACT	39	11,807,897
NSW	51	40,290,973
NT	34	26,591,485
QLD	44	20,595,662
SA	29	6,094,898
VIC	58	21,319,069
WA	26	15,095,756
#N/A	4	159,543
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>141,955,283</b>

**Note** – Location is based on Business registration address/state rather than delivery of goods/services.