



THE SENATE
SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Digital Delivery
Advance Questions on Notice — Bureau of Meteorology

Senator Patrick has asked:

Can the BOM provide the following information on the delivery of ROBUST?

1. The budget for the project at the time of first approval to proceed?
2. The spend to date on the project?
3. The current approved budget?

Answer:

Expenditure for the measure, *Bureau of Meteorology – improved security and resilience* (ROBUST Program), is not for publication due to commercial-in-confidence sensitivities. Release of expenditure amounts are likely to prejudice active and future tender processes, resulting in reduced value for money.

Supplementary question:

1. How many active tenders are currently on foot with the Bureau of Meteorology?
 - a. If only one tender, does that tender constitute the entire budget amount?
 - b. If it more than one tender, how would revealing the entire budget prejudice the Bureau of Meteorology?

Answer:

There are currently seven inter-related procurement processes underway for the ROBUST Program. A large portion of the program funding is allocated to a multi-year change management program. Releasing the financials for the Program during the procurement process could result in inflated pricing as respondents bid for the maximum amount of funding available, potentially resulting in reduced value for money. For this reason, the Government determined this measure to be not for publication upon release of the 2017-18 Budget.