

## **Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**

Parliamentary inquiry – SSCFADT - Inquiry into the impact of Defence training activities and facilities on rural and regional communities - 21 November 2017

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Department of Defence

**Topic:** AusTender

**Question reference number:** 8

**Senator:** Alex Gallacher

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**Question:** CHAIR: Is anybody able to give us any information about how many people are registered on AusTender to get Defence alerts?

Ms Wood: We could take that on notice. I'm not sure that Finance keep that information. I'm not sure that they would have a register.

#### **Answer:**

AusTender provides an alert facility for registered users who have registered particular areas of interest in product and service categories. Registered users can not register for alerts for a specific Commonwealth entity such as Defence. Defence does not have visibility of people registered to receive alerts on AusTender.

Advice received from the Department of Finance (as the AusTender site administrator) is that that AusTender has around 60,000 to 65,000 registered users. The process to register is on a user by user basis with the main purpose of receiving alerts and to support secure electronic lodgement of tenders. There are no agency specific registrations, and suppliers can have multiple accounts. Registered users may elect to receive notifications of planned procurements and or approaches to market by State, Key Word, or Category Code.