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Question No: 269

Topic: Australian Disability Enterprise - Procurement

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Senator Fifield asked:

With reference to Answer to Question on Notice F52 from the Department of Finance and Deregulation at the 2011-12 Budget Estimates which states that FaHCSIA data-matches information on Australian Disability Enterprises with contracts reported on AusTender annually. Can the Department provide the following:

- a) For which years has FaHCSIA data matched information from the Austender website with data from Australian Disability Enterprises?
- b) Can FaHCSIA provide a department by department breakdown of the number and value of contracts awarded to Australian Disability Enterprises for the 2010-11 financial year?
- c) Can FaHCSIA provide a department by department breakdown of the number and value of contracts awarded to Australian Disability Enterprises for the 2011-12 year to date?
- d) How many government departments or agencies did not have any contracts from ADEs for 2010-11?
- e) What was the total value of procurement from ADEs by the Australian Government for 2010-11?

Answer:

- (a) The Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) has matched information regarding procurement by Australian Government agencies using the Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) of Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) listed on the www.australiandisabilityenterprises.com.au website for the 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years. It should be noted that many ADEs have the same ABNs as their auspicing organisation which may operate other commercial business lines (e.g. training, service provision, other goods and services); so direct revenue as a result of procurement of ADE goods and services is difficult to determine.
- (b) FaHCSIA does not collect this data.
- (c) FaHCSIA does not collect this data.
- (d) FaHCSIA does not collect this data.
- (e) Australian Government agencies entered into contracts worth approximately \$204 million in the 2010-11 financial year with auspicing bodies of ADEs and/or ADEs themselves.