

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: APRA

Question: SBT1344-1350

Topic: Prequalified Multi-use list tenders

Reference: written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1344. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?
1345. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
1346. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
1347. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
1348. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?
1349. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?
1350. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

Answer:

1344. Yes.
1345. All Prequalified or Multi-user list panels that have been compiled or used by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) are published on Austender.
1346. APRA's Code of Conduct, which applies to all staff, requires that they act with the highest standards of behaviour and that they should not misuse their positions. When determining which vendors are included in a Panel or for individual procurements over \$80,000, evaluation teams are formed to assess vendors that represents the best value for money. Each evaluation team member must declare whether they hold any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in any of the respondents. If a conflict of interest arises the staff member will not participate in the team.
- 1347 – 1348. APRA is not aware of the personal or financial interests of Ministerial staff.
1349. - 1350. No.