

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000868**

Senator Xenophon, Nick provided in writing.

***Limited Tender Contracts***

**Question**

1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited tenders?
2. What was the total value of these limited tenders?
3. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2015/16 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract (either in FY 15/16 or 16/17) to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.
4. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2016/17 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a subsequent limited tender contract to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any subsequent contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold.

**Answer**

- 1 & 2      In 2015–16 the Department of Education and Training reported a total of 822 contracts with a total value of \$806,812,022.50 on AusTender. Of these, 304 contracts (approximately 37 per cent) or \$111,504,756.36 (approximately 14 Per cent) were procured under a limited tender.
- 3 & 4      Information on departmental contracts, including supplier details and contract values for limited tenders, is available publicly on AusTender. To break down the information on AusTender further would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.