

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

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**Outcome/Program:** 1/1.1

**Topic:** Austender reporting threshold

**Senator:** McKenzie

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**Question:**

**Senator McKENZIE:** Under our international obligations how high can we set our AusTender reporting threshold?

**Mr Sheridan:** I do not believe there is a limit in that regard in the free trade or those trade arrangements. It is a different thing. I would have to check, though, as I do not have that information in front of me.

**Senator McKENZIE:** Could you have a look at that on notice?

**Mr Sheridan:** Yes.

**Answer:**

Under our international obligations, such as the Australia United States Free Trade Agreement, we are required to report procurements valued at or above the procurement threshold, which is \$80,000. The AusTender reporting threshold is set at \$10,000 but could increase to \$80,000 and still meet our international obligations.