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Senator: Lundy

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Question:

Senator LUNDY: That is very helpful. Can you go to my question now which is: what stage are you at in that engagement with that particular proposal?

Mr Owens: My understanding is that with Customs and Immigration, the merged Department of Immigration is still in the process of seeking market responses to their request for tender. This is my understanding; we can confirm this. We tend to get involved after they receive their responses and before they come to a final decision.

Answer:

The Department of Finance has been consulted on the technical aspects of the cost-benefit analysis relating to the future accommodation requirement for consolidated Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and Department of Immigration and Border Protection (ACBPS) in Canberra. As at 24 February 2015 ACBPS had not written to the Secretary of the Department of Finance seeking endorsement under the Commonwealth Property Management Framework, and specifically *Resource Management Guide 504 (Lease endorsement process for non corporate Commonwealth entities)*.