

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Indigenous procurement policy – catering contracts**

Question: **17**

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Senator McKENZIE: The Indigenous procurement policy applies to the catering arrangements?

Mr Creagh: It should, yes.

Senator McKENZIE: Yes, it should. How many Indigenous businesses have won catering contracts from DPS?

Mr Creagh: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Indigenous procurement policy applies to all areas of DPS operations.

Items purchased for resale such as produce and coffee are not considered to be or classified as procurements in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and hence not subject to the Indigenous Procurement Policy. However other contracts that support the catering function are covered.

There were no contracts associated with the catering function awarded to Indigenous businesses as of 28 February 2017, however DPS is actively looking at all available options.