

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017-18

Finance Portfolio
24-25 May 2017

Department/Agency: Finance
Outcome/Program: 2/2.5
Topic: Security Clearances

Senator: Gallagher
Question reference number: F45
Type of question: Hansard Proof, 25 May 2017, F&PA Committee, page 34, 35
Date set by the committee for the return of answer: Friday, 7 July 2017

Number of pages: 1

Question:

Senator GALLAGHER: Can government contracts require that the contractors already have security clearances?

...

Senator GALLAGHER: We will come back to that, because I think it is an issue. Perhaps in the meantime Finance can get some guarantees that the procurement rules in this regard are being followed by agencies.

Mr Sheridan: I am quite sure that the procurement framework is being followed by agencies in this regard, otherwise people would complain about it—in a formal sense—and those complaints would be dealt with.

Senator GALLAGHER: You have not had complaints in this regard?

Mr Sheridan: Not as the procurement coordinator.

Senator GALLAGHER: Around security clearances specifically?

Mr Sheridan: I do not believe I have had such complaints. I would need to take that on notice. But I do not believe there have been any in that regard.

Answer:

In the last 5 years, no complaints related to security clearances have been received by the Australian Government Procurement Coordinator.