

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

I refer you to QoN response F249 from Budget Estimates in May 2014:

1. Can you provide an update on the status of the Contestability Framework?
2. Have any particular targets been set in relation to areas for benchmarking? If so, what are they?
3. What process will be used for benchmarking?
4. What is the timeline for implementation?
5. Can you please provide a breakdown of what areas of the Contestability Framework are being dealt with by department/agency?

Answer:

1. The Contestability Framework is being implemented by Finance through the Contestability Programme. The Programme is currently in the Pilot phase.
2. No. The Contestability Programme is reviewing a number of Government functions and if appropriate these reviews will include benchmarking.
3. A particular process is yet to be determined, however it is expected that the most appropriate process for benchmarking will vary depending on the function under review.
4. The Contestability Programme will run until June 2017.
5. The Contestability Programme is currently in a pilot phase and a forward program of work is yet to be determined.