

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (SE14/251) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?

- a. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
- b. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
- c. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
- d. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?
- e. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?
- f. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

*Answer:*

- a. The Immigration and Border Protection Portfolio uses Prequalified and Multi-use list panels for Request for Offers. A listing of the Prequalified and Multi-use list panels can be found on Austender via link provided below:  
<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.reports.list>
- b. Officers directly involved in a procurement process are required to declare any interest, financial or otherwise as a condition of being involved in the relevant process. Under the *Public Service Act 1999*, all public servants are required to disclose, and take reasonable steps to avoid any conflict of interest (real or apparent) in connection with APS employment. Where there is disclosure, it is dealt with on a case by case basis at the relevant point in time.
- c. No.
- d. No.
- e. No.
- f. No.