

**Supplementary Estimates 2004-2005
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Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio**

QoN Reference No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansard pg and date	QUESTION	Comments
ITR1-6	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Murray	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>When did the Department last update its procurement policy documentation?</p> <p>What mechanisms does the Department have in place to ensure its procurement guidelines reflect current policy in relation to government contracting?</p> <p>Do the Department's current procurement guidelines refer to all of the following accountability mechanisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Senate order for departmental and agency contracts; • The Department of Finance and Administration's February 2003 <i>Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractors' Commercial Information</i>; and • The Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPGs)? 	Answer received 27/1/05

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				<p>Do the Department's tender documentation and contract templates include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a statement outlining the various Commonwealth accountability requirements; • a consistent definition of confidential information across all templates; • a provision for the inclusion of specific reasons justifying why a tenderer may wish to protect certain information in the contract if it awarded; • a section that outlines the obligations of confidentiality after the contract has been awarded; • a more detailed outline, with the general non-disclosure clauses, of the exceptions to confidentiality obligations for Commonwealth contracts; and • the model contract clauses, given in DOFA's February 2003 Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractor's Commercial Information ? <p>At page 51 of ANAO Audit Report No.10 2004-2005, <i>The Senate Order for Departmental and</i></p>	

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				<p><i>Agency Contracts (Calendar Year 2003 Compliance)</i>, the ANAO has concluded that all FMA agencies would benefit from implementation of contract training courses, or a review of current courses, to ensure that the Senate order requirements are adequately covered and that procurement staff receive relevant DOFA guidance.</p> <p>What training does the Department currently have in place for procurement staff?</p> <p>Does this training [for procurement staff] cover the requirements of the Senate order for departmental and agency contracts and refer to DOFA's February 2003 <i>Guidance on Confidentiality of Contractor's Commercial Information</i>?</p>	
ITR7-9	ITR	Nettle	N/A – Written question on notice	AusIndustry has provided funding to the company Silex Systems Ltd; please provide details of this funding?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR7-9	ITR	Nettle	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide a copy of Silex Systems Ltd. application for this funding.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR7-9	ITR	Nettle	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide a copy of the agreement between Ausindustry and Silex Systems Ltd.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written	What work has been undertaken to describe the	Answer

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			question on notice	costs of climate change for Australia? Please list all relevant studies and provide a copy of reports and analyses.	received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written question on notice	Is there any impediment to the Mandatory Renewable Energy Target scheme being adopted and expanded by individual states and territories? Does the government support such action? Please give reasons.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written question on notice	Why does the secretariat cost \$576 000 per annum and why are the costs fully charged against the government's contribution to the Foundation rather than being equally shared between the government and Rio Tinto?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written question on notice	Does the government approve the use of Foundation funds to pay Rio Tinto's 'industry' contribution of \$2.45 million to the Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Resource Processing? Please give details of any other Foundation funds allocated for similar purposes?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide a list of patents applied for or registered arising out of work funded through the Foundation?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide a list of publications in refereed journals arising out of work funded through the Foundation?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR10-16	ITR	Brown	N/A – Written	Regarding jobs in Tasmanian native forest based	Answer

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			question on notice	<p>industries, how many (a) direct and (b) indirect full-time or full-time equivalent jobs are sustained by each of the following and what quantity of native forest wood is used in each case –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) logging of native forests ii) log cartage of native forests iii) woodchipping at mill/export facilities of native forests iv) pulp and paper making dependent on native forests v) sawmilling using native forests vi) veneer production using native forests vii) other manufacturing (please specify) using native forests viii) tourism using native forests; please detail how this estimate is made ix) other native forest based industries; please specify. <p>In each of these categories, how many jobs are part-time or casual.</p> <p>Please provide the most recent figures and the date to which the figures apply.</p>	received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written	In answer to question 52, you noted that “payment	Answer

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			question on notice	of DITR and ARC funds to the NSCC are based on satisfactory performance of the NSCC as measured by the KPIs.” On how many occasions has the Australian Stem Cell Centre not met its KPIs? How many times has a progress payment been withheld from the ASCC?	received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	The KPI for research productivity “measures the quality and originality of research through journal publications, conference presentations and patent applications filed.” Please provide a list of all the journal publications, conference presentation and patent applications quoted by the ASCC to support their claims for this KPI, which would all be on the public record.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	I note there is a KPI for compliance with laws, ethical standards and the norms of corporate governance. Why isn’t it assumed that the ASCC will comply with the law and ethical standards? Have there been instances where the ASCC admitted or it has been discovered that the ASCC had not complied with the law and ethical standards? If so, please provide details.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	I note that in question 53, you said that funding for the ASCC’s embryonic stem cell research in future years had not been determined and the research program had not been finalised. Has the research	Answer received 27/1/05

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				program now been finalised? If so, please provide details of estimated spending in future years on embryonic stem cell research.	
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide the names of the members of the ASCC Scientific Management Advisory Committee.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	Please provide the names of the members of Stem Cell Ethics Australia, which forms part of the ASCC ethics structure.	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	I understand that SCEA is chaired by Rev Colin Honey. Are you aware that Rev Honey is on the extreme fringe of bioethical discussion, not opposing human cloning for reproduction? Others associated with the SCEA such as Professor Bob Williamson and Professor Alan Trounson are outspoken advocates for human cloning for research. Have you made absolutely sure that no Commonwealth funding has gone or will go to the SCEA?	Answer received 27/1/05
ITR17-24	ITR	Harradine	N/A – Written question on notice	I note that Biotechnology Australia's Craig Cormick spoke at the Australian Stem Cell Centre Second Scientific Conference on 23 November. Please provide a copy of the paper given called "Perspectives of stem cell research and society's ethical values" and copies of the poster presentations "Public attitudes towards stem cell	Answer received 27/1/05

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				applications” and “Changing community attitudes towards stem cell technologies”.	
ITR25-37scope	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	For all of the following questions, please answer with respect to both the department and all agencies constituted under it.	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR25	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the Department include in its annual report a report on outcomes achieved for clients from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds? If not, for the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the Department otherwise publish a report on outcomes achieved for clients from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds? (If yes, please supply report)	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR26	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii) 2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, did the department budget for costs associated with developing culturally responsive and accessible services? For the 2003-2004 financial year, how much did the department budget for this purpose?	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR27	All agencies	Ludwig	N/A – Written	For the each of the i) 1999-00, ii) 2000-01, iii)	Answer

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	under ITR portfolio		question on notice	<p>2001-02, iv) 2002-03, v) 2003-04 financial years, how many Departmental programs or services were delivered via an intermediary service provider, such as another level of government or a non-government organisation?</p> <p>Of these, in each financial year how many did the funding conditions in contracts specify relevant access and equity accountabilities (for example, collection and reporting of information on client characteristics)?</p> <p>For each of these, is the provision a standard clause? If so, can the Department please supply the clause?</p> <p>If there is no standard provision, is a copy of the provision available for each of these? Are the provisions subsequently audited? If yes, what were the results? (Please supply).</p>	received 9/2/05
ITR28	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	Can the Department provide a current list of each community information publication it publishes in English as at a) the current date (2, December 2004) or if this is unavailable b) 30 June, 2004 (and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice) or if this is unavailable c) 1 January 2004 (and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice) or if this is	Answer received 9/2/05

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				<p>unavailable d) the last date for which they were available (specify date and take from then to 2 December 2004 On Notice)?</p> <p>For the above list, what publications are translated into languages other than English and for each, what languages are they translated into?</p> <p>For the above list, how many copies were printed?</p> <p>For the above list, what was the total cost of each document in translation, publication, printing and distribution?</p>	
ITR29	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>What efforts has the Department made to identify employees from a non-English Speaking background and what languages they are fluent in?</p> <p>What proportion of the Department’s personnel have a non-English speaking background?</p> <p>For each language other than English that the Department has identified employees with fluency, can the Department provide how employees were fluent? For each language other than English, how many were identified as being fluent?</p>	Answer received 9/2/05

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				<p>Of these employees, what efforts has the department made to identify the language proficiency of these employees? For each language other than English, how many were identified as having proficiency?</p> <p>Of these employees, how many has the Department identified as possessing accredited language skills to either translator or interpreter standard? For each language other than English, how many were identified as having accreditation at the a) translator and b) interpreter level?</p> <p>Of these employees, how many has the Department funded in whole or in part accreditation of language skills to either a) translator and b) interpreter level?</p>	
ITR30	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>How much did the department spend engaging language a) translator and b) interpreter level in each of the financial years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?</p> <p>How many times did the department engage an a) translator and b) interpreter in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?</p> <p>For each language in which a) a translator and b) an interpreter was engaged, how many engagements</p>	Answer received 9/2/05

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				<p>occurred in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?</p> <p>What was the total cost of those engagements by language for a) translators and b) interpreters in each of the following years i) 2001-02, ii) 2002-03, iii) 2003-04?</p>	
ITR31	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>For each of the financial years i) 1995-96, ii) 1996-97, iii) 1997-98, iv) 1998-99, v) 1999-00, vi) 2000-01, vii) 2001-02, viii) 2002-03, ix) 2003-04 how much was spent in advertising or advertorial in the ethnic press?</p> <p>For each of the above years, could the Department please specify each title, in which advertising was bought, the language of that title and the total annual spend on advertising and advertorial in each title.</p> <p>For each of the financial years i) 1995-96, ii) 1996-97, iii) 1997-98, iv) 1998-99, v) 1999-00, vi) 2000-01, vii) 2001-02, viii) 2002-03, ix) 2003-04 how much was spent in advertising and or advertorials on ethnic radio? For each financial year, could the Department please specify which station, broadcast language and how much was spent on each</p>	Answer received 9/2/05

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				language at each station?	
ITR32	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>How many break-ins were there on Departmental property in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) what was the location and the cost of damage associated with each break in? b) What was the cost of damage conducted during each break in? c) What was the subject of theft in each break in? d) What was the cost of any theft associated with each break in? e) was anyone charged with the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) was anyone convicted of the break in (specify if they were employed by the Department)? 	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR33	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	<p>How many thefts of departmental property occurred in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was stolen in each instance? b) What was the value of the stolen item/s? c) Where was it stolen from? d) was anyone charged with the theft (specify if they were employed by the 	Answer received 9/2/05

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				Department)? e) Was anyone convicted of the theft (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) Were any of the items recovered?	
ITR34	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance? b) What was the value of the fraud? c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud? d) was anyone charged with the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)? e) Was anyone convicted of the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)? f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR35	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	How many incidents of loss (excluding theft, accident, breakage and vandalism) of departmental property were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:	Answer received 9/2/05

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				a) What was the loss in each instance? b) What was the value of the loss? c) Which administrative unit lost the property? d) Were any of the lost item/s recovered? e) Was anyone disciplined over the loss?	
ITR36	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	How many vehicular accidents in which departmental vehicles (including vehicles leased by the department) were involved were reported to the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident: a) What was the value of the damage? b) Which administrative unit was the vehicle attached to? c) Was anyone charged over the accident (specify charges)?	Answer received 9/2/05
ITR37	All agencies under ITR portfolio	Ludwig	N/A – Written question on notice	How many Ministerial staff does the department provide? To what Minister or Parliamentary Secretary are they assigned? What is the total cost of these staff? Can the Department provide data on how many staff	Answer received 9/2/05

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				are in each salary band?	