

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 2 November 2005

QUESTION No.SBI-107

Senator Murray asked:

What training and awareness sessions are provided, either in-house or through other training providers (eg. DOFA, APS Commission or private firms) in respect of the Order? Please provide a list of the dates, the identity of the training providers and the content of the training that staff attended in 2005. If training and awareness sessions are not provided, please explain why this is the case.

ANSWER

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	DITR conducts regular Contract Management Courses. The training provider is the Australian Public Service Commission. DITR conducted six two-day courses in 2005 – which were attended by 112 staff. The courses were conducted in March, August, September, October and November. Approximately one hour of the course is devoted to the issue of confidentiality, including the Senate Order and the Freedom of Information Act. In addition to the DITR course, staff have also had access to ‘Whole-of-Government’ procurement seminars conducted by DOFA during 2005.
IP Australia	IP Australia procurement staff attend both in-house and external training and awareness sessions in regard to Commonwealth procurement. Procurement staff attended the following training and awareness sessions held during 2005: ▪ “Getting the Contract Right”- two day course delivered through the APS Commission, which contains information relating to both Senate Order and confidentiality provisions. Courses held in May, June, August and September 2005. ▪ “Certificate IV in Government Procurement”- delivered through the CIT Bruce Campus, most recently during the period 7 July to 15 September 2005. This course is a requirement for procurement staff, and contains information relating to both Senate Order and confidentiality provisions. ▪ “Working in the Public Sector” - delivered through the CIT Bruce Campus during the period 28 September to 14 December 2005. This course contains information relating to both Senate Order and confidentiality provisions.
Geoscience Australia	Geoscience Australia’s Contracts Manager runs in-house training on procurement and contracts where the issue of Senate reporting is broached. For example, the <i>GeoEssentials</i> program [for levels 4-5 (APS6-EL1)] is held biannually.
National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority	Maria Wylks from AusTender provided a half day in-house training session on how to use AusTender on Friday 2 September 2005 to the two designated procurement officers at NOPSA. Procurement Agency Advice Branch from DOFA provided a half day session on Government Procurement requirements to a number of agencies in Western Australia, including NOPSA, on Friday 4 November 2005.