

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-110

Senator Murray asked:

What problems, if any, has the agency and/or relevant staff experienced in complying with the Senate Order? What is the nature and cause of any problems? What measures have been, or could be, adopted to address these concerns?

ANSWER

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources	DITR does not believe that problems exist in relation to complying with the Senate Order. However, DITR believes that awareness of the requirements and criteria is an ongoing need.
IP Australia	IP Australia procurement staff have not identified any problems in complying with the Senate Order.
Geoscience Australia	Geoscience Australia finds a lack of understanding from tenderers as to what they can request as confidentiality provisions. Even though Geoscience Australia's Request for Tenders (RFTs) contain the web link to the Senate Order reporting requirements, many tenderers seem to not understand how to answer the question in their tender.
National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority	NOPSA staff have not encountered any problems complying with the Senate Order.