

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0447_14

Senator Cameron provided in writing.

Question

Contracted service providers

1. Please provide a list of service provider contracts including details of the name of the contractor, the service provided, the location of the work being done and the value and term of the contract. 2. Is the department giving consideration to contracting-out any of its current functions? 3. Please provide details of the Department's policy and procedures in relation to contracting for services. 4. What criteria does the Department use to determine value for money and flexibility considerations in evaluating contracts for services?

Answer

Details of the department's contracts are published on the department's website at the following address

http://docs.employment.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/d14_98300_employment_senate_order_on_departmental_and_agency_contracts_-_calendar_year_2013.pdf

The department assesses as appropriate whether functions are more efficiently and effectively conducted under alternative delivery models.

The department has a comprehensive framework of financial delegations and procurement rules relating to contracting.

Consistent with the Commonwealth's procurement framework, the department's procurement processes reflect the scale, scope and risk of procurements. A comparative analysis of the relevant financial and non-financial costs and benefits of alternative solutions is undertaken throughout the procurement assessment.