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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E294_06

Senator Carr asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard page 19.

Question:

How often are tenders awarded on the basis of a single oral quote?

Answer:

Oral Quotes

The Department's procurement rules allow a procurement method of one oral quote for procurements estimated to cost \$10,000 or less.

Of the 2,768 contracts let over the 12 month period from 1 June 2004 to 31 May 2005, 1,231 were estimated to be at or below the \$10,000 one oral quote threshold. In 640 of the 1,231 procurements written quotes were actually obtained. Therefore, 591 [48%] of the 1,231 procurements estimated at a value of \$10,000 or less were processed on the basis of a single oral quote.

However, the total value of all contracts let within the period 1 June 2004 to 31 May 2005 was \$80,086,057. The total value of the contracts for which a single oral quote was obtained during that period was \$2,751,167 which represents 3.4% of the total value of the contracts.