

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W280-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig provided in writing:

Does the Agency use an open tendering or select tendering process (as described in the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, p 42) when procuring legal services?

If a select tendering process is used: (a) which method of select tendering is used and (b) which firms or individuals are currently eligible to tender for legal services?

If a multi-use list is used: (a) which firms or individuals are currently on that list and (b) when was the list last opened for applications?

Answer:

The Office of the Employment Advocate does not use any of the above methods. The quantity of outsourced legal work is relatively small. The Office in 2004/05 engaged the Australian Government Solicitor (an organisation on the DEWR list of solicitors) and sought some advice direct from barristers.