

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Comcare

Question Number: W405-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig provided in writing:

1. Does the Agency use an open tendering or select tendering process (as described in the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, p42) when procuring legal services?
2. If a select tendering process is used:
 - a. which method of select tendering is used and
 - b. which firms or individuals are currently eligible for tender for legal services?
3. 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:

1. The current legal panel was selected in 2002 using a select tendering process
- 2 (a) The current legal panel was selected using an expression of interest process
(b) The current legal panel consists of:
 - Australian Government Solicitor
 - Phillips Fox Lawyers
 - Dibbs Barker Gosling Lawyers
 - Sparke Helmore Solicitors
 - Deacons Lawyers (reserve)

Blake Dawson Waldron were a member of Comcare's previous legal panel and as such still maintain some residual legal work from that membership

3. Not applicable