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Senator Mason asked on 1/06/2009, EEWR Hansard pages 6-7.

Question

What does SMART do and why is it confidential?

Senator MASON— I would like to ask a question about a contract—CN178673. It is about management advisory services from a supplier called SMART. SMART is an acronym. It is a sponsorship agreement and there are no other details because it is confidential, apparently. I just want to know why it is confidential and what SMART does. What do they actually do?

Answer

S.M.A.R.T. is the trading name for the company Martini Rose Pty Ltd. S.M.A.R.T. stands for Safety.Management.Assistance.Resources.Training.

The contract with S.M.A.R.T. (CN178673) is for the provision of OHS auditing services on behalf of the Department as part of a standing offer panel arrangement. This panel arrangement was established through an open tender process in 2005, and was added to through two further open tender processes in 2006 and 2007.

Providers from this panel, including S.M.A.R.T. (which was engaged through the 2007 open tender), are drawn upon to conduct OHS audits under the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme.

This contract contains standard clauses on confidentiality and the disclosure of confidential information which the contractor must abide by when performing under duties under the contract. The contract itself however, is not subject to any confidentiality provisions.

This provider also has no sponsorship agreement with the Department.