

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

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcomes: Corporate**

**Question Number: W515-06**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 56:

What specific measures are in place within the department to prevent large contracts being split into smaller ones to avoid going to tender?

**Answer:**

Staff have been advised that they are required comply with the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPGs), which includes at paragraph 8.12 a requirement that a 'procurement must not be divided into separate parts for the purpose of avoiding a procurement threshold [of \$80,000]'.

The department has specifically included in its internally published policy guidance documents, which are part of the Chief Executive's Instructions, advice to staff that a procurement must not be divided into separate parts for the purpose of avoiding a procurement threshold.

The department has established a procurement unit in the department's Legal Branch to provide advice to staff about the requirements in the CPGs and the Chief Executive's Instructions.