

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Question: PM64**

**Outcome 1, Output 2.2**

**Topic: Write Communications contract**

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**Senator Crossin asked: What was the original contract supposed to do and why was it extended twice?**

**Answer:** In respect to the Gazette notice you referred to, the following is provided.

Write Communications, of which Ita Buttrose is a consulting director, was engaged on 21 November 2001 to provide public relations and event management for Partnerships Against Domestic Violence – A Business Approach (PADV-ABA), particularly for business events held in Melbourne and Sydney.

The contract to Write Communication was varied twice. First on 18 April 2002 to cover an additional event in Brisbane. The further variation of 31 July 2002 covered additional disbursements and the continuation of public relations activities related to the business events which attracted significant public interest.