

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

Additional Budget Estimates Hearing – February 2007

**Question: F45**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.2.1**

**Topic: Contracts Awarded to Industry Bodies**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Marshall asked:**

In calendar year 2005 the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and the State Chambers of Commerce won contracts and tenders with the Commonwealth worth a total of \$42.97m. In that year the Australian Industry Group (AiG) had Commonwealth contract worth \$18.67m and the National Farmers Federation (NFF) \$1.82m.

Can you confirm if these figures are correct?

If they are not, please provide correct totals for all the aforementioned organisations' Commonwealth contracts and tenders.

Then in the financial year 2005/2006 ACCI had contracts with the Australian Government worth \$15.90m.

Is this correct? If this is not, please provide the correct total.

What amounts (in total) did AiG and the NFF receive in contracts in that financial year?

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance and Administration is unable to confirm the correctness of these figures. Consistent with section 44 of the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* the Chief Executive of each agency is responsible for awarding contracts for the supply of products and services or for other matters for which their agency has carriage. As a consequence, agencies are best placed to provide the information sought.