

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR JOYCE

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Senator JOYCE—When you were determining Moore, Morrison and Workplace Research, how did you determine that tender?

Answer:

The contracts mentioned were directly sourced from these providers because of their expertise and experience in their fields and the urgent need for these services in the early days of setting up the department. Due to the time factor it was deemed that a direct tender process was necessary.

Moore Stephens (Moore) is part of the Department of Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy panel of providers, to which we are now a party, and Workplace Research is part of the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and Australian Public Service Commission panel of providers. Thus the organisations have been assessed by these agencies as representing value for money for government. Morison Consulting (Morrison) has been used by a number of departments for similar work.