

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 13-16 Feb 2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1.1 Domestic Policy

Topic: Australia Network Tender - Brad Orgill

Senator: Senator Birmingham

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Question:

1. What does PM&C understand Mr Brad Orgill's role in the Australia Network tender process to be?
2. What contact has PM&C and Mr Orgill had in relation to the Australia Network tender?
3. Was Mr Orgill's salary paid by PM&C? If not, is PM&C aware which Department was responsible for the employment of Mr Orgill? What was/is the nature of Mr Orgill's contract? How much was/is Mr Orgill paid?

Answer:

1. As stated by Senator Conroy at Senate Additional Estimates on 16 February 2012, PM&C understands Mr Orgill was considered as a candidate to conduct parallel negotiations for the Australia Network tender process.
Questions on the Australia Network tender process should be directed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as the department responsible for the tender process.
2. PM&C has not had any contact with Mr Orgill in relation to the Australia Network tender.
3. No. Questions on the Australia Network tender process should be directed to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade as the department responsible for the tender process.