

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Health Services Australia

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Topic: Health Services Australia – Delegations

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SENATOR WONG asked on 24/05/2007:

Mr Kmet—Senator, we operate as does any other CAC authority or company. We apply board delegations. The board offers delegations in relation to procurement purchasing and those are essentially mandated at levels. We provide decision making according to those delegations.

Senator WONG—Are those delegations written?

Mr Kmet—The delegations are written. They are mandated by the board, as you would expect with any Commonwealth authority company.

Senator WONG—So on notice I would like a copy of the delegations and any guidelines associated with procurement.

Mr Kmet—Yes.

Senator WONG—I want to know under what parameters you operate when you procure things.

Mr Kmet—The parameters that we operate under are like those of any other commercial company.

Senator WONG—Let us not talk in the abstract. I understand your position. As you are going to provide me with the documentation, I am just clarifying it for you so you know what I have asked for on notice. What I would like to see is the documentation which sets out the parameters under which you operate in terms of procurement. Are we clear on that?

Mr Kmet—Yes.

Answer:

Please see Attachment A. Please see HS46 for copies of the Procurement Guidelines.