

Finance and Public Administration Legislative Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Australian Public Service Commission

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Question: PM104(a-c)–APSC

Topic: AusTender Contract Notice: Saville & Holdsworth

Senator RONALDSON asked:

- a) In relation to AusTender Contract Notice View CN174308, precisely what services did the Australian Public Service Commission receive from Saville & Holdsworth under the terms of this contract?
- b) If this contract involved training or testing, how many persons were trained under the terms of this \$601,658.15 contract?
- c) Were those services indeed delivered within the space of a single day, as the AusTender website appears to indicate?

Answer:

(a) Under contract CN174308, Saville and Holdsworth delivered six Career Development and Assessment Centres (CDACs) from 16 February to 22 May 2009 for the Commission. The CDAC is five day structured programme managed by the Commission for Executive Level (EL) 2 employees who demonstrate exemplary standards of leadership for potential entry into the SES.

(b) A total of 69 persons attended the six programmes.

(c) Excluding pre-course assessments, the total number of delivery days for the six programmes conducted was 30 days.

In the Gazetting process, an administrative error occurred whereby the contract end date was entered as 16 February 2009, which was the actual starting date. Consequently the contract period showed only one day when published on AusTender. This error has now been amended to reflect the actual contract term.

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