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Question: PM89a-b

Topic: All Government contracts with Mr Mulgan, or any companies that he operates with, since November 2007

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PM89a:

Mr Mrdak-As I indicated, Mr Mulgan was visiting Australia for a range of activities, not least of which the work he is doing with Melbourne university and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government. Given that, it was believed a timely opportunity for us to utilise his skills at the time we were forming a division by contracting him. Additionally, he did work for the department in relation to an initial strategic analysis of the issues arising from the 2020 Summit, which fed into the development of the government's response.

Senator RONALDSON-Can you take on notice all contracts either direct or otherwise with Mr Mulgan, or any companies that he operates with, since November 2007.

PM89b:

Mr Mrdak-I am certainly not aware of any other contracts that this department has with Mr Mulgan or any associated entities.

Senator RONALDSON-What about any government contracts that he has been given over that period of time? You can take that on notice.

Mr Mrdak-We will check with other agencies.

Answer:

The Department conducted a search of AusTender and checked with Commonwealth Government departments on this question. No contracts with Dr Geoffrey Mulgan or associated entities have been identified as a result of that search, aside from the contract concluded with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in 2008.