

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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Question: F50

Programme 10 (former Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing), Outcome 2

Topic: Health Group IT Outsourcing

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Have you been able to pass on to other departments the lessons you have learnt from this fiasco in your department?

Answer:

The ANAO Audit Report (No 14) on the Health group IT Outsourcing Process has been published and the ANAO view of that process as managed by the former office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing is therefore available for examination by other Departments.

The *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (2002)* issued in February 2002 highlight the necessity for officials to ensure they maintain appropriate documentation, that they deal with suppliers even-handedly and that appropriate probity advice is sought in procurement and tendering situations.