

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Johnston asked:

Do we know what the value of the contract is? Do you have any idea how long Security Vetting Services have held the contract?

Answer:

Australian Security Vetting Services (ASVS), which is part of the Attorney-General's Department, is one of four providers who supply security vetting services for *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employees (MOP(S) Act employees). The Department has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASVS which commenced on 1 December 2004 and expires on 30 November 2008.

As at 21 October 2008, the Department had paid \$101,004 to ASVS for the provision of security vetting services for MOP(S) Act employees under the MOU.