

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Abetz asked:

The procurement forum? Are you able to provide us details of that – who was on it, details of the consultation?

Answer:

The Procurement Discussion Forum (PDF), convened by the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Procurement Division, is open to all Commonwealth Government officials who have an interest in procurement. Numbers of participants attending the five PDFs in 2009 have ranged between 150-250.

The primary function of the PDF is to support Commonwealth Government officials undertaking procurement related activities by ensuring they are informed about procurement developments as they occur. It also provides an opportunity for procurement officials to share information about a range of topical procurement issues.