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Senator: Rhiannon

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Question:

Senator RHIANNON: I was asking about the *Australian and New Zealand Government Framework for Sustainable Procurement...* So you do not think that you need to do like New Zealand does where it is incorporated into the actual guide itself?

Mr Grant: It is an informative document, and that is how it is used. We have circulated it around to departments and agencies. I would have to check but I think that we have a reference to it on our website. It is informative; it is not a specific policy.

Answer:

Following up on the discussion at the Senate Estimates Committee hearing on 18 October 2011, the Australasian Procurement and Construction Council Sustainable Procurement Framework has now been made available, as a reference document, on the Australian Government procurement policy website (www.finance.gov.au/procurement). The website contains, among other things, policies of the Government and reference materials relating to sustainability.