

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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**Senator:** Fifield

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**Question:**

- a) What monitoring is being carried out by the Government in relation to the ADE procurement exemption that is available for Departments and Agencies?
- b) How many Government departments have utilised the ADE procurement exemption since the introduction of the exemption?
- c) What is the total value of contracts let using the ADE procurement exemption since the introduction of the exemption?

**Answer:**

- a) There is no central monitoring of the use of this or other exemptions from the mandatory procurement procedures of the *Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines* by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- b) Given the above, there is no central record of the departments and agencies that have utilised the ADE procurement exemption since the introduction of the exemption.
- c) Noting that the exemption came into effect on 1 December 2008, based on AusTender data for Australian Business Numbers (ABN) for ADE's (some of which may share the ABN with the parent company), which records all *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* agencies' contracts awarded over \$10 000 in value, the total value of contracts entered into from 2008-09 is \$987.8 million. This related to 239 contracts awarded by 12 agencies in 2008-09, 19 agencies in 2009-10 and 18 agencies in 2010-11.