

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Question: 153

Topic: Changes to Tenders

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Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes.

Answer:

Changes were made to tenders advertised during the financial year in the form of additional information and clarifications, including responses to questions submitted by potential tenderers. These were published on the Australian Government's procurement information system (AusTender) at www.tenders.gov.au.

A summary of all changes to tender documentation in the 2010-11 financial year is as follows:

Tender description	Changes
Passenger ferry for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands	A more specific reference to technical design rules was made via an amendment. The dates for submission of tenders and for tenderers to submit questions were extended.

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Tender description	Changes or corrections
New Housing Program on Christmas Island – Project One, Drumsite Village	A technical requirement regarding potable water pressure was simplified via amendment. The requirement to provide full management plans was replaced with a requirement to provide an outline. A revised template for tender price break up was inserted via amendment. The date for submission of tenders was extended from 16 June 2011 to 23 June 2011.
Markets in Environmental & Land Management Services	The date for submission of tenders was extended from 12.00 pm to 4.00 pm on 3 June 2011.