

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 117

Senator Eggleston asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Please provide a complete list of contracts for the Department and its portfolio agencies for this financial year to date. Please indicate the rationale for each service and its intended use.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Department and its portfolio agencies, with the exception of the High Court of Australia and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), publish information on AusTender on procurements above \$10,000 for Financial Management and Accountability Act agencies, and above \$400,000 for general procurements and above \$9 million for construction services for Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act bodies. Certain contracts may not be reported on AusTender because their details are subject to an exemption under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The High Court of Australia does not report on AusTender as they are neither a Financial Management and Accountability Act agency nor a Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act body. A list of the High Court of Australia's contracts is provided at **Attachment A**.

ASIO does not report any details of contracts it has awarded for reasons of national security. Details of ASIO contracts can be made available to Members of Parliament as a confidential briefing or to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security on request.

A list of grants was included in the Department's and portfolio agencies' response to Question on Notice 128 from the hearing on 8 February 2010.