

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

Question No. 69

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 26 May 2009:

In relation to ACV replacement professional services provided by Jacobs Australia,

- a) provide details as to what was recommended concerning the replacement of the Bay class vessel, and
- b) advise the Committee of the new arrangements concerning the extension of this contract.

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

- a) Jacobs Australia did not make any recommendations concerning replacement of the Bay Class vessels. Jacobs Australia was contracted by Customs and Border Protection to provide appropriately skilled and experienced staff to assist the project team develop a series of project pre-requisites and artefacts such as:
 - Project Plans:
 - Project Management Plan
 - Communication Plan
 - Risk Management Plan
 - Configuration Management Plan
 - Preliminary Test Concept Document
 - Project Financial Management Plan
 - Tender Development Stage Plan
 - Project Initiation Stage Plan
 - Risk Management Database
 - Public Private Partnership Documents:
 - Project Development Checklist
 - Public Private Partnership Detailed Analysis / Business Case
 - Public Sector Comparator
 - Request for Tender Documents:
 - Conditions of Tender
 - Conditions of Contract
 - Statement of Work
 - Function and Performance Specification
 - Project Acquisition Agreement
 - Develop Quality Management System Documents
- b) Jacobs Australia has fulfilled obligations under a number of separate contracts that relate to distinct project phases. The project team has sourced services from the Customs Business Management panel, with one contract being sole-sourced as a consequence of particular skill requirements and others have been competed among panel members.

The current Jacobs Australia contract for professional services related to the development and evaluation of tenders will expire in December 2009. Customs and Border Protection will then review its requirements for professional services and if further similar support is required, a competitive tender process will again be used to solicit offers from industry.