

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(16) Program: Internal Product

Senator Cash (L&CA 27) asked:

- (1) For all contracts issued by the Department for capital works in 2009-10 and to the current date, how many included confidentiality provisions?
- (2) What did the confidentiality provisions relate to?

Answer:

(1) Departmental capital works contracts contain standard confidentiality provisions. The department has not required that any specific contractual information in capital works contracts be kept confidential.

(2) The confidentiality provisions state that each party to the contract must not disclose the other party's confidential information, except in specifically defined circumstances. The department is not aware of any capital works contracts under which any specific information from either party has been defined as confidential.