

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0031) PROGRAM – OMARA**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

Who made the decision to make this tender an open or select tender, and on what basis was this decision made?

*Answer:*

Procurements are governed by Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPG). This was determined to be a general procurement as the estimated value of the service is under the covered threshold of \$80,000. DIAC policy requires that for procurements valued under \$80,000 three written quotations are obtained.

The Office published this as an open tender to invite as many responses as possible.

The decision was made by the then Deputy CEO, Mr Stephen Wood.