

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

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

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0643) PROGRAM – 4.3: Offshore Asylum Seeker Management**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

In relation to the tender process for the provision of goods and services on Manus and Nauru, was the department required to adhere to the Government's procurement rules? If not, why not? If not, what rules or guidelines was it required to meet? Are these published anywhere?

*Answer:*

As an agency bound by the Financial Management and Accountability Act, the department must adhere to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) when undertaking procurement. These rules apply to the procurement of goods and services on Manus Island and Nauru.

The CPRs are available on the Department of Finance and Deregulation website.