

Meeting the Senate Order on departmental and agency contracts

On 20 June 2001, the Senate made an order that all *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* agencies, now non-corporate Commonwealth entities, place on the internet lists of their contracts valued at or above \$100,000 (GST inclusive), along with details relating to each of those contracts.

This information should be published twice a year, referring to contracts (and contract listings) from the respective preceding calendar or financial year. This Senate order is called the Senate Order on Entity Contracts, also known as the Murray Motion.

The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration (the Committee) has conducted a number of inquiries into the operation of the Senate Order and as a consequence, on occasion amended the Senate Order. One of the outcomes of the Committee's 2014 inquiry is that from 1 July 2017, this listing is to include an assurance by the relevant accountable authority that the listed contracts do not contain any inappropriate confidentiality provisions. The application of the Senate Order was also broadened to include corporate Commonwealth entities, such as ACARA, from 1 July 2017.

Note: The contracts listed in the Senate Order contain confidentiality provisions of a general nature, which are designed to protect the confidential information of the parties, which may be obtained or generated in carrying out the contract. The *Privacy Act 1988* and other statutory secrecy provisions apply to agency contracts.

Contractor	Subject matter	Amount of consideration	Start date	Anticipated end date	Whether contract contains provisions requiring the parties to maintain confidentiality of any of its provisions (Y/N)	Reason(s)	Whether contract contains 'Other requirements of confidentiality' (Y/N)	Reason(s)
AMP Capital Funds Management Ltd	ACARA Perth Office lease, L17, 140 St Georges Terrace, Perth	\$655,412.40	01/12/2016	30/11/2022	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	NAPLAN 2017 Central Analysis of Data	\$346,500.00	18/05/2017	11/12/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing information)	N	
Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Online Item Trial (Aug. 2016) – marking of writing	\$312,161.30	27/07/2016	1/11/2016	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information)	N	
Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	Provision of services for 2017 NAP Sample – ICT Literacy	\$2,365,240.70	26/08/2016	31/12/2018	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) National Report 2016	\$217,580.00	19/09/2016	31/02/2017	N		N	

Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	Scaling and Linking Analysis Evaluation Report	\$196,900.00	26/09/2016	30/03/2017	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)	NAPLAN 2017 Paper Equating administration	\$585,935.90	02/02/2017	30/06/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing information)	N	
BOSTES (now the NSW Education Standards Authority)	Notice of Exercise of Option – CON16/2 – NAPLAN 2017 Special Print Materials	\$405,417.10	18/03/2016	17/07/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information)	N	
Colmar Brunton Pty Limited	NAPLAN Online Research Proposal	\$106,135.70	26/09/2016	5/12/2016	N		N	
EdMetric LLC	NAPLAN Online Proficiency Standards Phases 1,2 & 3	\$180,796.00	20/12/2016	30/06/2017	N		N	
Information Integrity Services	Follow-up privacy impact assessment on the transition of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to online delivery	\$162,800.00	07/04/2017	27/10/2017	N		N	
Milura	Contract in relation to outsourcing of ACARA's technology infrastructure, finance and payroll 2016–2019	\$3,349,098.50	01/07/2016	30/06/2019	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information)	N	

National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER)	NAPLAN 2018 Reading item development (Parcel 2)	\$181,072.10	7/11/2016	30/06/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information) and methodologies	N	
National Foundation of Educational Research (NFER)	Development of sets of items into IARS for the NAP – Science Literacy 2018 Pilot Project.	\$143,359.00	05/06/2017	31/09/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information) and methodologies	N	
Pacific Metrics	NAP – Science Literacy 2018 item development pilot	\$101,768.70	20/06/2017	30/11/2017	N		N	
Pearson Australia Group	NAPLAN Online research and development linking study – test administration	\$418,043.00	31/03/2016	30/11/2016	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing and financial information)	N	
Pearson Australia	NAPLAN Online item trial 2017	\$626,756.90	30/06/2017	30/11/2017	Y	Commercial-in-confidence information (pricing information)	N	
Readify Limited	Australian Curriculum (AC) Website Redevelopment Project	\$215,600.00	12/01/2017	17/07/2017	N		N	
RSM Australia Pty Ltd	Internal Audit Services 2017–2019	\$194,623.00	01/04/2017	31/12/2019	N		N	
SoftOne Australia P/L	Microsoft Azure hosting annual licence fee	\$101,213.00	01/07/2016	30/06/2017	N		N	
The Trust Company (Aust) Limited	ACARA Sydney office lease – L13, 280 Elizabeth St Sydney	\$2,370,124.90	01/08/2016	31/07/2020	N		N	

UNSW Global Pty Limited, represented by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA)	NAPLAN 2018 Reading item development	\$397,784.19	7/11/2016	30/05/2017	N		N		
UNSW Global Pty Limited, represented by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA)	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018 Item Development - Numeracy (Parcel 1a, 2a & 2b)	\$257,398.90	23/11/2016	09/06/2017	N		N		
UNSW Global Pty Limited, represented by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA)	NAP – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018 item development –Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)	\$228,868.00	12/12/2016	30/06/2017	N		N		
Grants to ACARA									
Department of Education and Training	Grant for the implementation of digital technologies	\$8,676,800.00	03/11/2016	30/08/2020	N		N		
Department of Education and Training	Core grant agreement with ACARA	\$39,043,500	01/07/2016	30/06/2020	N		N		
Department of Education and Training	Grant for NAPLAN Online privacy impact assessment follow-up	\$205,370	12/04/2017	31/10/2017	N		N		

Cost of complying with this order

Cost of complying with current order: approximately \$2,425.00

Basis of methodology used to estimate the cost of compliance: salaries for the time spent by staff on data collection, quality assurance, management and administrative support.