

## Meeting the Senate Order on Departmental and Agency Contracts

On 20 June 2001, the Senate made an order requiring ministers to twice a year table letters of advice that all Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 agencies, now non-corporate Commonwealth entities, they administer had placed lists of its contracts on the internet. Letters would refer to contracts (and contract listings) from the respective preceding calendar or financial year. Contract listings would include contracts valued at or above \$100,000 (GST inclusive), along with details relating to each of those contracts. This Senate Order is called the Senate Order on Entity Contracts and is 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 that are designed to protect the confidential information of the parties that may be obtained or generated in carrying out the contract. The Privacy Act 1988 and other statutory secrecy provisions apply to agency contracts.

### Reporting period 1 January 2018 to 30 June 2018

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)
Department of Education (NSW)	NAPLAN 2018 Braille Format Test Materials	\$170,955.67	22/12/2017	30/06/2018	N		N	
Australian Council for Educational Research Limited	2018 NAPLAN Central Analysis of Data	\$522,720.00	06/02/2018	10/12/2018	Y. Contractor's pricing details	Commercial-in-confidence	N	
Educational Measurement Solutions Pty Ltd	Ongoing Psychometric Services	\$165,000.00	22/01/2018	28/09/2018	N		N	
Technology One Limited	Implementation of OneGov ERP System	\$872,279.10	09/02/2018	10/04/2022	N		N	

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Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Accounting Services for the Collection of 2017 and 2018 School Financial Data for Reporting on My School 2019 and 2020	\$562,004.63	21/05/2018	31/03/2020	Y. Contractor's pricing details	Commercial-in-confidence	N	
Pearson Australia	2019 NAPLAN Item Trial	\$638,665.50	14/05/2018	30/11/2018	Y. Contractor's pricing details		N	
Colmar Brunton Pty Limited	Research tracking parent's sentiment towards NAPLAN Online 20185	\$131,170.05	01/05/2018	30/07/2018	N		N	
Centre for Curriculum Redesign (USA)	Provision of expert advice and assistance to guide updating of ACARA's curriculum design and development process for refining the Australian Curriculum.	\$215,000.00	8/6/2018	28/02/2019	N		N	

### Cost of complying with this order

Cost of complying with current order: approximately \$1,500.00

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.