

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE — GOODS AND SERVICES PROCUREMENT AUDITS

1617. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the minister representing the Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs:

Can the Department of Finance provide a copy (or copies) of the most recent round of goods and services procurement audits as submitted to the State Supply Commission, including relevant findings and recommendations?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The audits were applicable to all public authorities with partial exemptions as issued by the State Supply Commission in accordance with the *State Supply Commission Act 1991*.

In 2016–17, 99 Agencies were to complete audits; of which 94 audits were received by the Department [See tabled paper no 2065.].

Findings Summary

Three (3) agencies advised purchasing is undertaken by the supporting agency (Law Reform Commission, Swan River Trust and Western Australian Planning Commission);

Two (2) agencies did not submit an audit (Western Australian Electoral Commission and Western Australian Meat Industry Authority);

Audits from 22 agencies indicated zero (0) non-compliances;

Zero (0) audits identified systemic or high risk departures for any agencies; and

Audits from 72 agencies indicated some minor non-compliances or resulted in minor findings:

Outdated procurement policy manuals and exemption/approval registers;

Insufficient information in letters to unsuccessful tenderers;

Inadequate records for some contract award decisions and variations on Tenders WA;

The sample of procurement activities was insufficient; and

The audit findings section of the template was incomplete.

Note: the 2016–17 audit period commenced pre-2017 Machinery of Government changes.