

Estimates Committee 2010

Questions Taken On Notice

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Subject: Ekistika Pty Ltd Consultancy

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Primary Industry Fisheries and Resources

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Question: My question is: could the minister explain what the process is in relation to Ekistika Pty Ltd in relation to a consultancy service to run an expressions of interest process for a new proponent for the Lake Nash, Ti Tree and Kalkarindji solar installations worth \$36 364.

Answer:

Answered On: 18/06/2010

Answer: When the company Solar Cities went into receivership, the Commonwealth approved consultants Ekistika Pty Ltd, trading as CAT Projects, to perform a review of other companies putting in a tender on how viable they would be to undertake the project within the current timeframes and funding. The consultants returned a report with their recommendations ranking the three tenders from preference to non-preference.

The scope of work was as follows:

The project involves development and management of Expression of Interests (EOI) to identify renewable energy technologies that would be appropriate as replacement options for those embarked for Alekarengge, Ti Tree, and Kalkarindji communities in Northern Territory.

- Develop EOI documentation for options for the replacement of the Alekarengge Solar Power Station in consultation with the (former) Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources (DRDPIFR), and Power and Water Corporation (PWC).
- Develop EOI documentation for options for the replacement of the Ti Tree and Kalkarindji Solar Power Station.
- Manage advertising, receipt and handling of responses to the EOI.
- Manage EOI assessment in consultation with DRDPIFR.
- Prepare a final report provided to DRDPIFR at the conclusion of the process.

- Undertake work negotiating with PWC the technical details of the installation.