

**Estimates Committee 2010**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 11/06/2010 to 18/06/2010 )

Date: 18/06/2010

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Sub Output:

Subject: Certificates of Exemption

**From:** Mr David Tollner to Hon Robert Knight  
Business and Employment

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**9-5**

**Question:** Can the minister provide a list of certificates of exemption which were issued this financial year, and what those exemptions were for?

**Answer:**

Answered On: 02/07/2010

## Response to Question on Notice 9.5

### Procurement via Select Quotations or Tenders for Tiers 3, 4 and 5 2009-10

#### Certificates of Exemption (Select Tenders):

Reason Category	Tier 4	Tier 5
Commonwealth arrangement		1
Existing government contract	4	
No response from Public Tender process	2	
Specialist item or service	12	1
Standard exemption	8	
Time constraint	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Select Quotations:

Reason Category	Tier 3
Existing government contract	16
No response from Public Quotation process	6
Specialist item or service	47
Standard exemption	8
Initial estimate <\$50 000	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>

127 Procurements via Select Quotations or Tenders for Tiers 3, 4 and 5  
across the NTG in 2009-10

#### Category explanations:

Commonwealth arrangement – agreement with the Commonwealth Government (which funded the services/works) that pre-determined the contractors to be engaged.

Existing government contract – procurement arising from an existing government contract or selected from a panel contract.

No response from public tender/quotation process – public quotation or tender process undertaken which did not generate any responses from the market. Subsequently, suppliers were sought directly.

Specialist item or service – goods or services required are specific in nature or involve specialist knowledge, eg specialist hospital equipment, consultants with particular experience or knowledge.

Standard exemption – Procurement Direction PR7 “Procurement Process for Supplies Under Standing Exemptions” allows particular suppliers to be used for certain procurements, eg Shires and Charles Darwin University.

Time constraint – necessary to meet some time limited imperative.

Initial estimate less than \$50 000 – procurement process at estimated level allowed selection of 3 or more potential suppliers. However, on completion of process the preferred outcome was \$50 000 or more.