

## Country case: Australian Government's procurement information system

### Description

The Australian Government's procurement information system, AusTender, provides centralised publication of Australian Government business opportunities, annual procurement plans, multi-use lists and contracts awarded. Agencies are required by the Commonwealth Procurement Rules to publish on AusTender standing offer arrangements and contracts with a value of AUD 10,000 or more. Since 2005, Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act bodies are also required to publish details of certain contracts and standing offers.

Public Procurement  
Principle: **Transparency,**  
**E-procurement**

Procurement Stage:  
**All phases**

Audience: **Policy Maker,**  
**Procuring Entity, Private**  
**Sector, Civil Society**

On the AusTender [website](#), it is possible to access reports on contract notices, standard offer notices and procurement plans. As an example, the records that are available online on contract notices include information on the procuring entity, the procurement method, the contract value and period, a description of the contract, and supplier details. The records are searchable by agency, date range, value range, category, confidentiality, supplier name, supplier Australian Business Number (ABN) and report type. It is also possible to download summary records that include information on the total count and value.

Aggregated information that has been extracted from AusTender is available on the website of the Department of Finance. It includes statistics on:

- total procurement contracts reported, including a breakdown of total value and number of contracts per financial year;
- procurement contracts by value threshold, including a breakdown of value, percent of total value, number of contacts and percent of total number of contracts;
- SME participation in procurement;
- overseas procurement contracts (contracts identified by agencies as primarily or entirely based outside Australia);
- individual business participation in procurement;
- the ratio of goods to services contracts procured;
- the top 20 categories for goods and services procurement contracts, including a breakdown of value, percent of total value, and percent of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) participation;
- the top 10 procuring Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 Agencies (FMA), including a breakdown of value, percent of total value, and rank in previous years compared to the most recent ranking.

In addition, the Department of Finance, together with Protiviti, has conducted an analysis of AusTender data for 2010-11 and 2011-12 on (i) the split (by value) between the procurement of goods and services by the Australian Government; (ii) the total value of Australian Government procurement for each United Nations Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC) in relation to total expenditure in Australia; (iii) the total value of goods procured that are likely to be “Australian made” and services procured that are delivered from within Australia; and (iv) the total value of goods or services procured by the Australian Government that are likely to be imported, in order to determine the impact the Australian Government procurement market has on the Australian economy. The report is available at the Departments’ [website](#).

Source: OECD (2014), [“Compendium of Good Practices for Integrity in Public Procurement: Meeting of the Leading Practitioners in Procurement”](#), OECD, Paris.