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Subject: RE: Supplementary information repeat request

Hi Franchesca

My apology for not responding earlier but I have been endeavouring to source appropriate information to respond to your request. According to those security agents working in the personnel services area of security claim that although the tendering system does request operators to be licensed the problem is with the lack of due diligence in checking the capability of the tenderer in regards to meeting all the statutory rules and regulations to implement the contract. E.g. do they pay the correct wages. Can they meet superannuation and taxation liabilities, do they have a health and safety policy, do they have adequate insurance etc etc. It is obvious to us that if the lowest tender is the benchmark for approving contracts then there will be serious repercussions.

With regard to the electronic security services, while licensing is required there has been evidence of tenders being let to non licensed operators and I believe these were detailed at the hearing. Also recently in Queensland the contract for electronic security for the Commonwealth games was let to an unlicensed security company.

Unless the regulators are given adequate resources this situation will continued, and given the current political sensitivity of security and the protection of our citizens and assets and that security services do not fall into the wrong hands, urgent action is required.

Cheers Ron.

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