

**Question on notice no. 176**

**Portfolio question number: 2**

**2021-22 Supplementary Budget Estimates**

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Defence Portfolio**

**Senator Jordon Steele-John:** asked the Australian War Memorial on 27 October 2021—

[Context] Quote from AusTender page

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(s) for Main Works Packages ('MWP') through AusTender. The REOI closed on 3 March 2021.

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The Memorial is exercising its rights under paragraph 18.1.1

(a) of the REOI to vary the REOI process to reopen the REOI and increase the number of shortlisted Respondents to be invited to participate in the Request for Tender (RFT) for MWP1 and 3.

[Sources]

- <https://www.tenders.gov.au/Atm/ShowClosed/34cc24e3-2b78-4be2-a3f5-98f37e069d31?PreviewMode=False>

- <https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7362250/war-memorial-expansion-hits-roadblock/>

[Questions]

- Is it the case that the Memorial had to start again with the tender process for two elements of the redevelopment process: building the New Southern Entrance and Parade Ground (Main Works Package 1) and building the New Anzac Hall and Glazed Link (Main Works Package 3) ?

- Did the new tender process close on 1 September?

- Has the Memorial awarded contracts for this work yet and are you able to disclose the names of the successful bidders?

**Answer —**

Answer attached

**Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2021 – 27 October 2021**  
**Answers to questions on notice from the Veterans' Affairs portfolio**

**Question 2**

**Outcome: All Program: All**

**Topic: Australian War Memorial Re-development**

(Written Question on Notice)

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**Answer**

1. No, this was not a case of recommencing the procurement process. The Australian War Memorial (the Memorial) simply refreshed an existing Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) as part of a multi-stage procurement for these works in line with Commonwealth Procurement Rules.
2. No, this was not a call for tenders, it was a call for REOI. The refreshing of the REOI closed on 1 September 2021; this is not the tender for these works, it is a process that shortlists interested parties to create a list of potential tenderers.
3. No contracts have been awarded for the Memorial's Main Works Packages to date. This is an ongoing process with contracts targeted to be awarded by the end of quarter 2, 2022.