2. Overview (cont'd)

The Tender Contracts handled by Departments direct may also require this levy to be paid when DAS is involved. With the requirement to refer contracts in relation to Policy this may result in all contracts attracting this or some form of levy.

Departments will now be required to pay directly for the services provided by DAS. These include Technical, Administrative and Legal.

A statement as to the effects of this policy has yet to be made. This is unlikely before August 89.

Reference

Department of Administrative Services has its Purchasing and Sales Headquartered in Canberra and the General manager is Mr. Ross Pitt. Mr. Vladimir Shevchenko is the Assistant General Manager.

The ACT Operations Branch is responsible for ACT Purchases and Sales including all Panel and Period Contracts for Common Items. The Branch is managed by Mrs Mel Box (Manager Purchasing Services) and Mr. Paul Sweeney (Assistant Manager Purchasing Services).

3. Policy

The Federal Government has initiated a number of Policies designed to restructure the ADP, Telecommunications and Hi-Tech Industry in Australia. We have seen varying degrees of acceptance and support by Industry to these initiatives with corresponding results.

Partnership Policy

The most recent initiative is the Partnership Policy designed to encourage the transfer of technology from overseas to Australia. The Policy also requires the development of exports and allows foreign companies to spread their Offset Liabilities over 7 Years.

The need to put forward an Offsets Proposal against specific Contracts is also waived. The tendering company can under this Policy present it's Offsets Proposal some time after the Contract has been signed.