

FSANZ Laboratory Panel RFT: Tenderer Questions and Answers

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Questions and Answers

1. Are there any specifics in terms of the amount of contact FSANZ would require for method development, advisory and support services? Primarily is this expected to be routine or just by request?

It is anticipated that requests for method development, advisory and support components will be issued on an ad-hoc, as-needed basis, rather than as routine or ongoing activities.

For example, FSANZ may occasionally contact panel laboratories to confirm current testing capabilities in specific areas, primarily to support situational awareness and planning. From time to time, FSANZ may also work with willing laboratories on method development through formal work orders, typically in response to new or emerging testing requirements.

While participation in these activities is not mandatory, demonstrated capability, expertise and performance in advisory and method development work may be considered and factored into tender evaluations.