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Hi Rebecca,

Today there has been a [media report](#) regarding lobbyist company, Synergy 360, and clients of this company, alleging they have been provided with secret advice that would help them with win government contracts.

The article suggests a relationship between Stuart Robert and Synergy 360 was used to provide the following companies with information and introductions that may have assisted in acquiring government contracts:

- Infosys
- Unisys
- Oracle Corporation
- Aspen Medical

As a matter of priority, could you please provide us with details of any procurements/contracts between Services Australia and the former Department of Human Services and the above companies (at least including the dates and value of the contracts). s47C

As a second priority, could you please provide s47C any contracts that have been established in the above named companies. s47C

Kind regards,  
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Office of the Hon. Bill Shorten MP  
 Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
 Minister for Government Services  
 Federal Member for Maribyrnong  
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Our office acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures, and to Elders both past and present.

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Good morning Minister

On Thursday last week you contacted me to discuss the need for a review into some procurement processes, following issues raised in media reporting concerning government procurements.

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Regards

Rebecca

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Dear Rebeccas,

The Min likely to announce this update this afternoon ...

**INFORMING THE HOUSE:**

**I seek to update the House with further information relating to the matters revealed by leaked emails in the Synergy360 lobbying scandal.**

**I am happy to be able to report that the heads of the two Agencies for which I am the responsible Minister have today agreed to establish a joint review of this matter.**

**This will involve the appointment of an eminent Australian working across Services Australia and the NDIA.**

**This arrangement will ensure there is no real or perceived conflict of interests that might exist were the Agencies to investigate themselves. It will provide important independence as we seek to get to the bottom of whether there was any perversion of the public contracting process.**

**I thank the CEOs of those two agencies, Rebecca Skinner and Rebecca Falkingham respectively, for the speed and seriousness with which they are treating this matter.**

**Australians taxpayers and voters have the right to know whether corruption has occurred and equally to be assured that government contracting processes are independent and merit based and not being swayed by moneyed special interests.**

**The terms of reference for this review will be finalised in coming days and weeks.**

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