

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 763-772

Topic: Contractors (ASIC)

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

For this financial year to date:

763. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
764. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
765. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
766. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
767. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
768. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
769. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
770. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
771. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
772. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

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Answer:

763-771. No, in the financial year to 31 May 2012 ASIC has not employed, nor is it considering employing any of the above named organisations.

772. In the financial year to 31 May 2012 ASIC has spent \$16.8m on contract staff, agency temps and staff on secondment. Contract staff are used for short term or non ongoing projects. The time required to provide a transaction listing of events and its details would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile the data.