

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 21

Topic: Work, Life and Family Survey Program

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Senator RHIANNON asked:

Senator RHIANNON: On the work, life and family survey program, with the delightful acronym of WoLFS, what was the amount of savings achieved by cancelling the 2013 WoLFS?

Mr Sutton: The savings for next year, 2012-13, are \$1.4 million.

Senator RHIANNON: What was the amount spent by ABS on external consultancies and contractors in the year 2012-13?

Mr Sutton: We do not have that information. I am happy to provide that on notice.

Senator RHIANNON: Do you have an approximation?

Mr Sutton: No, I do not.

Senator RHIANNON: When you take it on notice, could it include a list and details about these contracts, the projects, the aims, and the cost of each consultancy or contract.

Mr Sutton: Sure.

Answer:

1. For details of the consultancies undertaken this financial year to date, please refer to table 1 below.
2. For details of the contractors employed by the ABS this financial year to date, please refer to table 2 below.

Table 1 Consultants

Name	Project	Reason	Amount
Corporate Scorecard Pty Ltd	Contract management	Standard financial assessment for contract	\$340
David Caple & Associates Pty Ltd	Internal governance	Work, Health and Safety Review of Hand Held devices	\$22,239
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Internal governance	Internal Audit Services	\$281,632
Revolution IT Pty Ltd	Application Performance Monitoring	Assistance with statement of requirement for Application Performance Monitoring tender	\$41,137
Step Two Designs	Knowledge Management Project	Consultancy Services for Knowledge Management Project	\$35,686
The Echidna Group	Population Surveys	Focus group to improve response rates amongst indigenous communities	\$10,675
Valuesourcing	Prices System Improvement Project	Prices System Improvement Project Health Check Review	\$11,880

Table 2 – Contractors

Name	Project	Details	Amount
Clicks Recruit Pty Ltd	Work on corporate systems	Contract computer programmer	\$27,452
Cordelta Pty Ltd	New pay and leave systems	Procurement staff	\$150,664
Denis Farrell	Improvement of Regional Statistical Capability	Mentoring services to Timor Leste	\$50,534
Susan Linacre	Review of Methodology & Data Management Division (MDMD)	Review of MDMD by Subject matter expert	\$36,750
Paxus Australia Pty Ltd	Work on corporate systems	Contract computer programmer	\$46,713
PCA People	Finance Specialist	Contract finance staff	\$80,160
Peoplebank Australia Pty Ltd	Work on corporate systems	Contract computer programmer	\$142,976
Robert W Edwards	Improvement of Regional Statistical Capability	Mentoring services to Timor Leste	\$15,400
Sense of Security	Improvement of internal security measures	ABS Data Security Model (Hardening Guide)	\$8,368
Sense of Security	Review of eforms	Blaise eForms external security review	\$67,408
Frederick John Wensing	Corporate systems	Specialist Statistical Analytical Software (SAS) development of training services	\$10,188