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Question: BET 506-515

Topic: Contractors

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 506. 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).
- 507. 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).
- 508. 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).
- 509. 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).
- 510. 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).
- 511. 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).
- 512. 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).
- 513. 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).
- Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
- 515. 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:

- 506-514. No, in the financial year to 31 May 2013 ASIC has not employed, nor is it considering employing any of the above named organisations.
- 515. In the current financial year to 31 May 2013, ASIC has spent \$6.6 million on contract staff, agency temps and staff on secondment. Contract staff are used for short term or non ongoing projects. The effort required to provide a transaction listing of events and its details would require an unreasonable diversion of resources to compile the data.