

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000807

Senator Collins, Jacinta asked on 20 October 2016, Proof Hansard page 9

Consultancies

Question

Senator JACINTA COLLINS: How many consultancies has the department contracted this financial year?

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Senator JACINTA COLLINS: When you provide me the information around all of the consultancies, if there is a process within each group that you can outline, can you indicate which ones have been through such a process and which ones may not.

Dr Bruniges: Of course.

Answer

In 2015–16 the department entered into 110 new consultancies. An additional 42 ongoing consultancy contracts were active during 2015–16.

The decision to engage a consultant is made in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and related regulations.

Consultancies are entered into using the relevant Commonwealth procurement method including open tender, prequalified tender, limited tender and panel arrangements (initially selected through either an open tender or prequalified tender process).

The delegate determines the appropriate method based on business needs and consistent with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.