

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

1. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.
2. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:
 - a) The project or engagement;
 - b) The value of the contract;
 - c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged;
 - d) The purpose of the contract; and
 - e) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.

Answer:

1. The total expenditure on contractors and consultancies for the 2015-16 financial year is reported in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Annual Report 2015-16.
2. a) to d) The information for contractors and consultants over \$10,000 is publicly available on the AusTender website; www.tenders.gov.au. To provide a detailed response for those under \$10,000 would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
e) To provide the total payments for each contractor and consultant would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.