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Question No: 11

Hansard Ref: ECA111

Topic: Quick Cells

Senator Nash asked:

With regard to the Molonglo observatory bid, can you provide some detail about the cross-over of the portable cell and if there has been any resolution?

Answer:

The response to this question was sought from the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). ACMA has provided the following response:

- In March 2007 ACMA investigated reported interference to the Molonglo Observatory Synthesis Telescope (MOST);
- ACMA concluded that a source of interference to MOST was likely to be Next G mobile phone handsets operating in the vicinity of the observatory;
- These handsets may have been operating with transportable (portable cells/quick cells) Telstra Next G base stations although ACMA has no definite information on this aspect;
- ACMA is aware that there has been a history of interference to the observatory from a range of disparate and distant sources over a number of years, which is likely to continue;
- ACMA understands that Telstra was aware of this issue in early 2007 and that Telstra took a number of steps, including retuning its Next G network in the vicinity of the observatory, to resolve the issue;
- ACMA also notes that measures taken by Telstra to protect the observatory would have had an impact on the design and performance of the Next G network in the area;
- ACMA has been informed, and there have been similar reports in the press, that the University of Sydney, which operates the observatory, has reached a compromise with Telstra regarding interference at the observatory;
- ACMA has not been informed of the terms of the compromise.

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Question No: 14

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: SES Positions

Senator Humphries asked:

How many SES positions were there in this department as at:

- 24 November 2007
- 26 February 2009.

Answer:

SES positions as at:

- 24 November 2007: There were a total of 51 SES (50 ongoing and 1 non-ongoing) positions in the Department.

Note: Of the total number, 11 SES occupied positions in Arts, Old Parliament House or the National Portrait Gallery. These functions moved to other agencies as a result of December 2007 Machinery of Government (MOG) changes.

- 26 February 2009: There were a total of 42 SES (38 ongoing and 4 non-ongoing) positions in the Department.

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Question No: 23

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Staffing Graduate/Cadetship Recruitment

Senator Birmingham asked:

What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? Are such employment programs being reduced? If so, by how many and has the Department done an analysis on long term effect on retention and attrition?

Answer:

There are no changes planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs as a result of the efficiency dividend.

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Question No: 24

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Consultancy Expenditure

Senator Birmingham asked:

Has the Department's consultancy expenditure increased due to reduced staffing?

Answer:

No

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Question No: 29

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Staffing

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the current total staffing for the Department – permanent and temporary?
2. What was the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing level for the Department on 1 July 2008?
3. How many permanent staff were recruited in calendar year (CY) 2008 and in financial year (FY) 2008-09 to date? What level are these staff?
4. How many temporary positions exist or have been created in CY 2008 and in FY 2008-09 to date?
5. For CY 2008 and FY 2008-09 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?
6. What is the total reduction in staff since the Government came to office? Please break down by level of employment and also retrenchment, natural attrition/non-replacement etc.

Answer:

1. As at 11 March 2009, there were a total of 580 permanent and 52 temporary staff, not including inoperative staff.

Note:

- temporary positions are non-ongoing for the purposes of this question.
 - inoperative staff are defined as employees who are absent from the workplace for a period greater than 13 weeks.
2. FTE at 30 June 2008 was 585.5. FTE at 1 July 2008 is not available but is unlikely to be materially different.
 3. There were a total of 98 permanent staff recruited in the calendar year 2008 and 97 recruited in 2008-09 to date. Staffing levels are provided in the table below:

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| | Calendar Year 2008 | Financial Year to date 1/7/2008 to 13/3/2009 |
|--------------|--------------------|---|
| Grad | 15 | 18 |
| APS1 | 6 | 10 |
| APS2 | 1 | 0 |
| APS3 | 3 | 2 |
| APS4 | 5 | 5 |
| APS5 | 4 | 6 |
| APS6 | 16 | 18 |
| EL1 | 25 | 26 |
| EL2 | 14 | 9 |
| SES | 9 | 3 |
| Total | 98 | 97 |

4. There were:
 - 110 temporary positions created in calendar year 2008; and
 - 49 temporary positions created between 1 July 2008 and 11 March 2009.

5.
 - (i) A total of 122 employees were employed on non-ongoing contracts at an average length of 5.9 months in calendar year 2008: and
 - (ii) A total of 83 employees were employed on non-ongoing contracts at an average length of 6.2 months from 1 July 2008 to 11 March 2009

6. While 375 staff moved to other agencies as a result of Machinery of Government (MOG) changes in December 2007, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has had no overall reduction in size since its formation on 3 December 2007.

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Question No: 30

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Staffing – Minister’s Office

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Please provide the names, salaries, titles and responsibilities of all staff in Minister Conroy’s office.
2. Please indicate what their salaries were in October 2007 (or, if later, when they started), and what their salaries are now.
3. How many and which staff in the Minister’s office are entitled to vehicles as part of their package? What model vehicles do they drive?
4. What is the cost of the vehicle packages?
5. Which staff are entitled to fly business class?
6. What is the home base for each of the staff? If they are not located in Melbourne or Canberra, what is the reason?

Answer:

This information is not held by the Department. Ministerial staff and their arrangements are managed by the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Group in the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Question No: 31

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Staff training

Senator Birmingham asked:

In relation to both Departmental and ministerial staff, please provide details of staff training activities undertaken this financial year, and planned for next financial year. Please provide a breakdown of costs, the nature of the training programs run, numbers of staff involved by level of employment and any instances of external consultants being engaged.

Answer:

Response relates to departmental staff only.

| 2008-09 financial year | | |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Core training | Tailored, Department specific skills based programs covering: financial management; APS Values and the Code of Conduct; policy analysis and formulation; indigenous cultural awareness; legal awareness; preparing ministerial correspondence; writing skills and ethical leadership | |
| | Programs scheduled 2008-09 | Costs |
| | 49 | Printing & ancillary |
| | | External training provider |
| | Total estimated cost for 49 scheduled programs in 2008-09 | |
| | Total actual participants as at 16/3/09 is 413 | |
| | Participants as at 16/3/09: 28 x APS1; 82 x APS2; 9 x APS3; 47 x APS4; 52 x APS5; 94 x APS6; 75 x EL1; 24 x EL2; 2 x SES The total estimated take up for the year is around 800. | |

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| Capability development | Intensive management development programs for specific classification levels. Programs are between five and seven days duration, depending on level. | |
| | Programs scheduled 2008-09 | Costs |
| | 7 | Printing & ancillary |
| | | External training provider |
| | | Profile tools |
| | | Venue |
| | | Catering |
| Total estimated cost for 7 scheduled programs in 2008-09 | | |
| Total actual participants as at 16/3/09 is 78 | | |
| Participants as at 16/3/09: 6 x APS1; 15 x APS2; 10 x APS5; 11 x APS6; 26 x EL1; 16 x EL2. The total estimated take up for the year is around 125. | | |

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| External APS development | APSC Leadership and expertise development opportunities, including Career Development Assessment Centres (CDAC), the Leadership Across Borders program and the Treasury sponsored Graduate Diploma in Economics run through Monash University | | |
| | Programs 2008-09 | Total estimated cost for 2008-09 | Participants 2008-09 |
| | CDAC | 35,250 | 3 x EL2 |
| | Leadership Across Borders | 24,364 | 1 x SES B2 |
| | Treasury Graduate Diploma in Economics | 24,000 | 1 x APS5; 1 x APS6 |

2009-2010

It is anticipated that a similar level of expenditure and schedule of core training and capability development programs will be provided during 2009-2010.

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Question No: 34

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Gershon Review

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What impact will the Gershon Review have on the Department?
2. How much money will be saved?
3. Will the Department be required to return any money to the Budget for 2009-10?

Answer:

1. The Department will be required to reduce ICT contractors by 50% over the next 3 years – 10% (2009), 15% (2010) and 25% (2011). The Department will also be required to participate in whole of government activities such as skills development and an ICT professional career structure.
2. The Department is required to reduce its ICT Business as Usual (BAU) costs by an amount equivalent to 7.5% of its 2007-08 ICT BAU expenditure from 2010-11 and beyond. The first 2.5% reduction will apply in 2009-10.
3. Any change to the Department's appropriations will be considered in the context of the 2009-10 Budget.

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Question No: 35

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Media Monitoring

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How much was spent on media monitoring in CY 2008?
2. How much has been spent on media monitoring in FY 2008-09 to date?
3. How many staff in the Department are employed for media-related duties?

Answer:

1. For calendar year 2008, the Department paid \$269,093.11 (GST inclusive) for its media-monitoring contract.
2. For Financial Year 08-09, the Department has spent as at 12 March 09 - \$127,952.22 (GST inclusive) on its media monitoring contract.
3. 2.2 staff are involved in media monitoring for the Department.

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Question No: 36

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Ministerial Staff/DLOs

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many personal staff are employed in the Minister's office, how many vacancies exist and what levels are these positions?
2. How many laptops, mobile phones and PDAs does the Department provide to the Minister's personal staff?
3. How many Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) are currently allocated to the Minister?
4. Do any DLOs provide policy advice?
5. Are any Departmental officers on secondment to the Minister's office? If so, how many?

Answer:

1. This information is not held by this Department. Ministerial staff are covered by the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services area of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
2. 9 Laptops, 3 mobile phones and 7 PDAs are provided to Ministerial Staff.
3. 2
4. No
5. No

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Question No: 37

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Ministerial Travel

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. Has the Minister travelled overseas on official business since Budget Estimates?
2. If so, where was the travel and what was the duration?
3. What was the total cost of:
 - a) travel
 - b) accommodation, and
 - c) any other expenses?
4. How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister?
5. For these staff/family what was the cost of:
 - a) travel
 - b) accommodation, and
 - c) any other expenses?
6. How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister?
7. In relation to these Departmental officers, what was the total cost of:
 - a) travel
 - b) accommodation, and
 - c) any other expense?
8. Please detail total travel expenses met by the Department. In relation to all departmental travel expenses, please provide estimated resulting carbon emissions. Were any offsets purchased? If so, how many and at what cost?

Answer: Questions 1 - 8

Since Budget Estimates to 24 February 2009 the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has undertaken two official overseas visits. Attached is the response tabled earlier providing details of these visits (Supplementary Estimates Questions 34-36). Since that time, the visit to the USA and the United Kingdom has been fully reconciled. There are no changes to the figures in the tabled response.

Since the Additional Estimates Hearings on 24 February 2009, the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy travelled to Hannover, Germany, departing Australia on 28 February and returning on 6 March 2009. The Minister was accompanied by one Adviser and one departmental officer (SES1). Reconciled costings in relation to the Minister and

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ministerial adviser's travel are not yet available from the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Group of the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The costs for the departmental officer accompanying the Minister on this visit were:

- (a) Airfare: \$10,402.84
- (b) Accommodation: \$1,495.56
- (c) Travel Allowance/Other: \$985.02

In relation to Part 8 of the question, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy is unable to estimate carbon emissions resulting from all departmental travel. At this stage, the Department does not purchase carbon emission offsets as this matter is to be dealt with at a whole of government level.

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Question: 34 - 36

Topic: Ministerial Overseas Travel

Senator Birmingham asked:

Has the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary travelled overseas on official business since Budget Estimates? If so, where was the travel and what was the duration? What was the total cost of:

- a) travel
- b) accommodation
- c) any other expenses

How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? For these staff, what was the cost of:

- a) travel
- b) accommodation
- c) any other expenses

How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary? In relation to these Department officers, what was the total cost of:

- a) travel
- b) accommodation
- c) any other expenses

Answer:

As at 20 October 2008, the Minister has made two overseas visits since Budget Estimates. The details of these trips and accompanying DBCDE officers are set out in the tables below.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD), is responsible for meeting the cost of Minister's official travel, including the travel costs for any accompanying ministerial staff member. DoFD has provided the following acquitted costs in relation to the Minister and Advisor for the visits below. The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has provided the details relating to Departmental Officers that accompanied the Minister.

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Republic of Korea and Singapore

| Delegate | Purpose | Duration | Airfare | Accommodation | Travel Allowance/ Other |
|--|---|---|---|---------------|---|
| Minister | To attend the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Ministerial Meeting on the Future of the Internet Economy and the Korea-Australia-New Zealand (KANZ) Broadband Summit in Korea. To meet with the Singapore's Minister for Information, Communication and the Arts to discuss Singapore's broadband tender process. | 15 - 21 June 2008 | \$8,740.81 | \$2,698.72 | \$649.55 |
| Advisor | | | \$8,740.81 | \$1,978.87 | \$609.59 |
| DBCDE Secretary (Statutory Office Holder) | | | \$9,506.62 | \$1,965.00 | \$1,455.00 |
| DBCDE First Assistant Secretary (SES2) | | | \$5,093.92 | \$1,555.00 | \$1,430.00 |
| DBCDE A/g Assistant Secretary (SES1) | | | \$4,795.98 | \$1,552.40 | \$4,601.52 <i>Includes working lunch paid for by DBCDE</i> |
| DBCDE Officer (EL1) | | \$4,795.98 | \$1,555.00 | \$1,155.00 | |
| DBCDE Officer (EL2) | | 15-19 June <i>Departed Seoul for Beijing</i> | \$7,080.50 <i>includes flight Seoul to Beijing</i> | \$2,035.00 | \$1,247.50 |

The OECD ministerial meeting took place on 17 and 18 June 2008. The Minister arrived in Seoul on 15 June and participated with several bilateral meetings prior to the OECD Opening. Minister, Secretary and Advisor departed Seoul for Singapore on 19 June 2008. The other DBCDE officers remained in Korea to attend the KANZ summit.

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The United States of America and the United Kingdom

DOFD have advised that this Ministerial Visit has not yet been fully reconciled. Information from DOFD below is current as at 5 November 2008.

| Delegate | Purpose | Duration | Airfare | Accommodation | Travel Allowance/Other |
|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------|
| Minister | To consult with individuals and organisations in both countries regarding their strategies for digital television transition, particularly on assistance schemes for vulnerable people and on spectrum management post switchover | 27 July - 8 August 2008 | \$20,841.05 <i>The cost for airfares is unable to be disaggregated and is for the entire trip</i> | \$12,517.98 (USA) \$8,291.69 (UK) <i>DOFD advised unable to disaggregate between costs attributed to accommodation and or other for Minister/Adviser</i> | \$693.00 |
| Adviser | | 28 July - 8 August 2008 <i>Adviser departed Australia 1 day after Minister</i> | \$20,455.70 <i>The cost for airfares is unable to be disaggregated and is for the entire trip</i> | | \$591.23 |
| DBCDE Assistant Secretary USA ONLY | | 27 July - 3 August 2008 | \$14,191.82 | \$985 | \$957.50 |
| DBCDE Deputy Secretary UK ONLY | | 2 - 8 August 2008 | \$9,839.18 | \$2,207.79 | \$1,335.00 |

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Question No: 38

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Government Advertising

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What communications programs has the Department undertaken, or is planning to undertake?
2. For each program, what is the total spend? Please detail including media advertisements (where placed and costs).
3. What was the total spend on advertising by the Department in CY 2008 and for FY 2008/09 to date?

Answer:

1. The Digital Switchover Taskforce within the Department has commenced an advertising campaign to inform consumers about the digital switchover and the digital switchover labelling scheme. The advertising campaign commenced 6 April 2009 and will run until 2 May 2009.

The Communications Security Branch within the Department will be running National E-Security Awareness Week from 5 to 12 June 2009. It is designed to convey awareness messages to a range of audiences and aims to assist in the behavioural change of Australian internet users to improve take up of secure online practices.

2. A budget of \$6.7 million was allocated in March 2008 to develop and implement a digital switchover labelling scheme and communication campaign in 2009. The planned expenditure for the media component of the campaign will be \$3,897,670 (including GST). Advertising will be run nationally across metropolitan, regional and rural Australia.

As at 17 April, no payment has been made on digital switchover advertising to date.

National E-security Awareness Week 2009 has funding of \$385,000. The week's budget is below.

- Public relations consultant \$200,000.
- Events \$50,000 (2 x \$20,000 community grants, \$10,000 for Department-paid events, eg, launch, breakfast, forum).
- Events advertising \$45,000
- Promotional material and printing \$90,000.

No expenditure has been incurred on National E-security Awareness Week advertising to date.

- 3 The total spend for calendar year 2008 was \$305,162.00 and for the Financial Year 2008/09 to date is \$163,588.00.

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Question No: 39

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Hospitality

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the Department's hospitality spend for CY 2008 and for FY 2008/09 to date?
2. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
3. For the Minister's office, please detail total hospitality spend CY 2008 and FY 2008/09 to date. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer:

1. The Department's hospitality spend for Calendar Year 2008 is \$5873.22 and for Financial Year 2008/09 to date is \$5486.01.

2.

Calendar Year 2008

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|----------|-----------|--|-----------|
| 23/10/08 | Sydney | Hospitality to representatives of the press, to provide background briefing on digital switchover to key journalists. | \$254.00 |
| 30/10/08 | Sydney | Hospitality to representatives of the press, to provide background briefing on digital switchover to key journalists. | \$300.00 |
| 27/5/08 | Canberra | Meeting with Panel of experts and senior officials from the NBN Taskforce regarding the NBN Project | \$808.50 |
| 29/7/08 | Melbourne | Meeting with Panel of experts and senior officials from the NBN Taskforce regarding the NBN Project | \$3816.50 |
| 13/12/08 | Canberra | NBN Taskforce offered drinks to the Panel of Experts and Specialist Advisers at the close of the Proponent presentations | \$144.22 |
| 29/10/08 | Canberra | Dinner with Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications | \$550.00 |

Financial Year 2008/09

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|----------|----------|---|----------|
| 23/10/08 | Sydney | Hospitality to representatives of the press, to provide background briefing on digital switchover to key journalists. | \$254.00 |
| 30/10/08 | Sydney | Hospitality to representatives of the press, to provide background briefing on digital switchover to key journalists. | \$300.00 |

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| 29/7/08 | Melbourne | Meeting with Panel of experts and senior officials from the NBN Taskforce regarding the NBN Project | \$3816.50 |
| 13/12/08 | Canberra | NBN Taskforce offered drinks to the Panel of Experts and Specialist Advisers at the close of the Proponent presentations | \$144.22 |
| 16/1/09 | Canberra | Replenishment of entertainment cabinet for small scale official entertainment | \$421.29 |
| 29/10/08 | Canberra | Dinner with Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications | \$550.00 |

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Calendar Year 2008

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|----------|----------|---|----------|
| 11/2/08 | Canberra | Catering for CDMA Stakeholder Forum | \$721.00 |
| 15/10/08 | Canberra | Meal with Chair of Regional Telecommunications Independent Review | \$216.00 |

Financial Year 2008/09

| Date | Location | Purpose | Cost |
|----------|----------|---|----------|
| 15/10/08 | Canberra | Meal with Chair of Regional Telecommunications Independent Review | \$216.00 |

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Question No: 40

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Board Appointments

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What is the gender ratio on each board across the portfolio, and what is the total ratio across the portfolio?
2. In which states/territories do these Board members reside?

Answer:

To be consistent with Senate Order 94 the following table reports portfolio appointments made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Minister). The table below includes appointments made by the current Government as well as the previous Government.
(As at 13 March 2009)

| Board | (1.) Gender Ratio | (2.) States/Territories Board Members Reside | |
|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Female | Male |
| Australian Broadcasting Corporation | Four Males One Female, | 1 - NSW | 2 - NSW, 1 - Vic, 1 - SA |
| Australian Communications and Media Authority | Six Males Two Females | 1 - ACT, 1 - SA | 3 - NSW, 2 - ACT, 1 - Vic, |
| Australia Post | Five Males Two Females | 1 - QLD, 1 - NSW | 1 - NSW, 3 - Vic, 1 - WA |
| National Broadband Panel of Experts | Six Males One Female | 1 - ACT | 2 - Vic, 1 - WA, 1 - SA, 1 - ACT, 1 - NSW |
| Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee | Four Males One Female | 1 - Vic | 2 - QLD, 1 - Vic, 1 - NT |
| Special Broadcasting Service | Three Females Three Males | 3 - NSW | 1 - NSW, 1 - SA, 1 - WA |

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Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Community Cabinet Meeting Costs

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. What was the cost of the Minister's travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
2. How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for each Community Cabinet meeting?
3. What was the total cost of this travel?
4. What was the total cost to the Department of the Community Cabinet?
5. In relation to all Community Cabinet meetings for calendar year 2008, please detail attendance records – Ministerial and all Ministerial and Departmental staff – together with travel, accommodation and any other costs arising.

Answer:

The table below outlines details in relation to all ten Community Cabinet Meetings held as at 23 February 2009 in relation to the attendance by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Ministerial and Departmental staff.

| COMMUNITY CABINET MEETINGS – COSTINGS/ATTENDANCE |
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| Notes |
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| <p><u>Minister and Ministerial Staff:</u> Unless otherwise indicated, reconciled costings, as at 18 March 2009, for commercial travel and travel allowance are provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DOFD).</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The figures include airfares and Travelling Allowance (including Motor Vehicle Allowance) claims. They do not include travel by taxis (due to the difficulties determining exact destinations using the electronic information as provided by Cabcharge) or travel on Special Purpose Aircraft (which is administered by the Department of Defence). |
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| <p><u>Departmental Staff:</u> Costings provided by the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy are those that are attributable to attendance at Community Cabinet meetings (including airfare, travelling allowance and Comcar/taxis).</p> |
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| Location 2008 | Minister | Ministerial staff | Departmental staff |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Canningvale WA 20/01/08 | \$353.00 (TA only) | Adviser, Broadband, Telecommunications \$230.00 (TA only) | Secretary \$1,002.50 |
| Narangba Qld 2/03/08 | \$863.64 | Adviser, Chief of Staff \$1,362.87 | Secretary \$1,493.58 |
| Penrith NSW 15/04/08 | \$1,325.85 (Note: this includes travelling allowance costs attributable to other business in Sydney on 16 April). | Adviser, Broadcasting and Australia Post, \$868.05 | Deputy Secretary (travelled in his Executive vehicle – no costs attributed) |
| Mackay Qld 29/06/08 | No attendance by Minister/Ministerial Staff/Departmental staff. \$54.54 cancellation fee. Applied as travel booked for a Community Cabinet meeting and subsequently cancelled. | | |
| Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala NT 23/07/08 | \$3816.46 | Assistant Adviser, Broadcasting, Australia Post \$2,171.18 | Secretary \$3,913.99 |
| Hallett Cove SA 14/08/08 | No attendance | Adviser, Broadband, Telecommunications \$955.96 | No attendance |
| Newcastle NSW 29/09/08 | No attendance | No attendance` | Secretary \$1, 085.67 102.63 |
| Launceston Tas 5/11/08 | \$283.64 | Assistant Adviser, Broadcasting, Australia Post \$681.31 \$27.28 cancellation fee | Secretary \$622.05 |
| Geelong Vic 7/12/08 | Nil costs | Assistant Adviser – Broadcasting, Australia Post \$100.05 (TA only) | Secretary \$739.04 |
| Location 2009 | Minister | Ministerial staff | Departmental staff |
| Campbelltown NSW 17/02/09 | \$1,482.25 (Note: includes travelling allowance attributable to a meeting in Sydney on 18 February) | Adviser, Digital Economy \$1,021.26 (Note: includes travelling allowance attributable to a meeting in Sydney on 18 February) | Secretary \$960.18 Assistant Secretary – No costs attributable to attendance – there for other business. |

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Question No: 43

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Reviews

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio?
2. When will each of these reviews be concluded?
3. Which Reviews have been completed since Supplementary Budget Estimates 2008?
4. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
5. What is the total number reviews both completed and ongoing in the portfolio since November 2007?
6. What is the estimated cost of these reviews?
7. What further reviews are planned for 2009?

Answer:

For the purpose of this question, a review is taken to be an exercise conducted and/or paid for by the department and has been undertaken, or is being undertaken, either because of a statutory requirement to do so or in response to a decision by government.

Current Reviews – (active end March 2009)

(1.) There are five reviews currently being undertaken in the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio

| Review | (2.) Expected Date of Conclusion | (6.) Estimated Costs |
|---------------|--|---|
| USO Review | <p>The previous Government initiated a review of the USO regime in a regulatory environment where there was no plan for a National Broadband Network. The outcomes from the NBN process and the future design of USO arrangements are inherently linked.</p> <p>The Government will take into account stakeholder submissions to the USO Review in considering future regulatory arrangements.</p> | <p>Nil.</p> <p>The Review has been conducted as part of the normal business of the Department.</p> <p>There are no staff solely allocated to the review and no direct costs can readily be identified</p> |

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| Review of the duration of the simulcast period | A draft report on the review has been provided to the Minister, taking into account amendments introduced in December 2008 to implement a phased, region-by-region digital switchover | Nil. The Review has been conducted as part of the normal business of the Department. There are no staff solely allocated to the review and no direct costs can readily be identified |
| Review of access to electronic media by the hearing and vision impaired | No formal reporting date. Report is expected to be tabled in Parliament in 2009 | Nil The Review has been conducted as part of the normal business of the Department. There are no staff solely allocated to the review and no direct costs can readily be identified |
| Triennial Funding Review of the ABC and SBS | No formal date of conclusion. 2009-10 Budget will announce details of future funding for the two broadcasters. | \$884,272 – as at 28 February 2009. (including staff wages, consultancy, travel and other costs) |
| Review of Consumer-related Industry Code Processes | Recommendations for reform arising from this review are due to be provided to the Minister in mid 2009. | Nil. The Review has been conducted as part of the normal business of the Department. There are no staff solely allocated to the review and no direct costs can readily be identified. |

Completed Review (since Supplementary Budget Estimates 20 October 2008)

| (3.) Review | (4.) Government Response to Completed Review | (6.) Estimated Costs |
|--|---|---|
| Review of National ICT Australia Limited (NICTA) | The NICTA Review report was provided by the independent review panel to the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and the Australian Research Council on 3 March 2009. No formal response is required by the Government. However, the Review | \$70,000 (including sitting fees for Panel members, travel allowance and other expenses. Does not include any departmental secretariat salaries – part of normal business and no staff |

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| | outcomes will inform future funding decisions on NICTA by the Government. | solely allocated.) |
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Completed Review (Budget Estimates May 2008 – Supplementary Budget Estimates Oct 2008

As reported in the response to Estimates Question 41 (October 2008), the following Review was completed and the table below provides details, including costings:

| Review | (4.) Government Response to Completed Review | (6.) Estimated Costs (table shows financial information for the 2008 calendar year for the period 1 January 2008 to 21 November 2008) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Regional Telecommunications Review | The Committee's report was provided to Government on 5 September 2008, and tabled in Parliament 15 October 2008. The Government's response to the Report was tabled in Parliament on 5 March 2009. | \$1,247,973 (including staff wages, travel and other costs) |

(5.) There have been a total of two reviews completed and five ongoing in the Broadband Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio since November 2007. Costs are outlined in the above tables.

(7.) The *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* (the Act) requires the Minister to cause to be conducted a review of the anti-siphoning provisions in the Act before 31 December 2009.

A review of content and captioning regulation on digital multi-channelled commercial television broadcasting services is also legislated to be caused to be conducted before 1 January 2010.

The *Telecommunications Act 1997* requires the Minister to cause to be conducted a review of the operational separation provisions relating to Telstra before 1 July 2009.

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Question No: 44

Hansard Ref: Written

Topic: Consultancies

Senator Birmingham asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007?
2. Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the consultancy, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
3. How many consultancies are planned or budgeted for this calendar year?
4. Have these been published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website? If not, why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
5. To what extent does the Department use private consultancies to carry out project scoping reports? Please provide full details.
6. To what extent does the Department engage private consultancies to prepare Cabinet submissions?

Answer:

- 1 & 2. During the period 1 December 2007 to 28 February 2009, 105 new consultancy contracts were entered into involving total actual expenditure of \$13.08 million (GST incl.). In addition, 49 ongoing consultancy contracts were active during this period, involving total actual expenditure of \$3.49 million (GST incl.). See Attachment A for a full list of consultancy contracts.
3. The Department's 2008-09 Annual Procurement Plan, current as at 4 April 2009, includes 7 consultancies that are planned or budgeted for the 2009 calendar year.

Planned procurements commencing after 30 June 2009 will be published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan 2009-10.
4. Yes.
5. A consultancy to undertake a project scoping study can be defined as a consultancy which provides specific advice in the preparation of further market approach

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documentation, inclusive of future project scope definition. No consultancies in the current financial year to 28 February 2009 have been undertaken for this purpose.

6. No private consultancies in the current financial year to 28 February 2009 were for preparing (i.e. drafting) Cabinet Submissions. However, submissions can refer to consultancy reports where appropriate.

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Attachment A

Consultancies from 1 December 2007 to 28 February 2009

| Seq | Name of the consultant | Total actual expenditure 1/12/2007 to 28/02/2009 | Summary description of the nature and purpose of the consultancy | Selection process Used (market approach method) | Date Contract Entered | Date Contract Completed |
|------------|--|---|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 303 Advertising Pty Ltd | \$ 15,768.94 | PAFO Consumer Information Campaign: Creative Agency | Select | 5/10/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 2 | Acumen Alliance | \$ - | Consultancy | Select | 7/09/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 3 | Acumen Alliance | \$ 22,660.00 | Analysis of Travel Costs | Panel | 20/11/2007 | 18/04/2008 |
| 4 | Adelaide Research and Innovation Pty Ltd | \$ - | Review of the Department's Premises projections | Select | 24/11/2008 | 24/05/2009 |
| 5 | APIS Group Pty Ltd | \$ 5,632.00 | Assistance with Drafting Request for Tender | Open | 4/02/2008 | 22/02/2008 |
| 6 | APIS Group Pty Ltd | \$ - | Consultancy Services - CMS Evaluation | Open | 8/10/2008 | 22/12/2008 |
| 7 | APIS Group Pty Ltd | \$ 39,793.60 | Provision of Consultancy services for identity and access mgmt | Open | 16/06/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 8 | Australian Digital Testing Pty Ltd | \$ 48,906.00 | Digital Switchover Status of Multi-Dwelling Units | Open | 15/12/2008 | 4/03/2010 |
| 9 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 1,920,614.97 | Probity advice for NBN | Open | 8/01/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 10 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 10,310.85 | Licence condition or legislative amendment | Open | 9/01/2008 | 18/09/2008 |
| 11 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 15,287.80 | Procurement - e-recruitment | Open | 26/02/2008 | 18/09/2008 |
| 12 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 4,068.90 | SAP Technical Services panel tender | Open | 3/03/2008 | 18/09/2008 |

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|------------|---------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 13 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 5,568.20 | NBN-Application of Public Works Act 1969 | Open | 26/03/2008 | 11/03/2009 |
| 14 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 10,826.20 | Advice OPEL funding | Open | 15/04/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 15 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 10,444.59 | Probity checks -Australia Post Board of Directors | Open | 20/06/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 16 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 25,408.35 | Advice & other legal services-FOI matters | Open | 25/06/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 17 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 56,260.60 | Constitutional issues | Open | 1/09/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 18 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ - | NBN- legal advice | Open | 27/01/2009 | 30/06/2009 |
| 19 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ - | Legal advice | Open | 6/02/2009 | 30/06/2009 |
| 20 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 38,782.15 | GST Advice on Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme | Open | 4/10/2006 | 30/09/2008 |
| 21 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 172,883.32 | Telstra Constitutional Challenge in High Court | Open | 20/04/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 22 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ - | Drafting deed of standing offer-web development | Open | 20/04/2007 | 2/10/2008 |
| 23 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 2,625.70 | Advice in connection with proposed taskforce | Open | 18/06/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 24 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 121,557.23 | FOI requests with the AAT | Open | 25/06/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 25 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 3,496.35 | FOI Advice - General | Open | 25/06/2007 | 30/06/2008 |

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| 26 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 8,846.20 | Legal Advice-Variation to travel contract | Open | 10/08/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 27 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 17,612.65 | Legal Services - Establishment of application | Open | 10/10/2007 | 28/08/2008 |
| 28 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 4,853.75 | Advice-application of the Comp for Detriment | Open | 17/10/2007 | 19/09/2008 |
| 29 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 11,059.95 | Advice on Code of Conduct Investigation | Open | 22/10/2007 | 4/02/2008 |
| 30 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 47,315.75 | Advice-procurement of a call and contact centre contractor/panel | Open | 5/11/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 31 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 11,476.30 | Advice - complaint | Open | 8/11/2007 | 22/04/2008 |
| 32 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ 15,981.63 | Litigation | Open | 15/11/2007 | 22/04/2008 |
| 33 | Australian Government Solicitor | \$ - | Legal Services-Personnel Matter | Open | 2/04/2009 | 30/06/2009 |
| 34 | Blake Dawson Waldron | \$ 41,076.42 | NetAlert PAFO Contractual Advice | Open | 25/09/2007 | 10/03/2009 |
| 35 | BMF | \$ 1,034,198.36 | Advertising & Branding consultant for the Digital Switchover Taskforce Public Awareness Campaign | Select | 17/10/2008 | 31/03/2009 |
| 36 | Broadcast Australia | \$ - | Digital television test transmissions, coverage surveys and report regarding free-to-air digital television reception along | Select | 7/01/2009 | 12/04/2009 |

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| | | | the Para Escarpment from Ingle Farm to Craigmore near Adelaide in South Australia | | | |
| 37 | Canada Inc T/A Strategic Network | \$ 97,750.00 | Digital Economy Benchmarking of Australia at Sectoral Level | Open | 5/09/2008 | 28/11/2008 |
| 38 | Clayton Utz | \$ 11,000.00 | Advice on Corps law | Open | 11/07/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 39 | Clayton Utz | \$ 146,897.06 | Legal services - Broadband Connect | Open | 13/06/2006 | 6/06/2008 |
| 40 | Clayton Utz | \$ 176,990.63 | Legal advice-Funding agreements for Clever Network Program Projects | Open | 19/07/2007 | 10/03/2009 |
| 41 | Clayton Utz | \$ 8,208.97 | Advice and other legal services in connection with potential litigation | Open | 23/07/2007 | 18/09/2008 |
| 42 | Clayton Utz | \$ 8,400.76 | Backing indigenous ability | Open | 20/08/2007 | 23/01/2008 |
| 43 | Clayton Utz | \$ 363,281.14 | Telstra Appeal to Federal Court | Open | 22/10/2007 | 18/09/2008 |
| 44 | Clayton Utz | \$ 9,085.24 | OPH maintenance RFT- contract | Open | 16/08/2007 | 2/01/2008 |
| 45 | Clemenger BBDO | \$ 11,000.00 | Pitching fees in response to the Digital Switchover Taskforce advertising brief | Direct | 1/08/2008 | 15/12/2008 |
| 46 | Cliff & Associates | \$ - | Consultancy Services for an independent assessment of DCITA Info Records Mgmt | Open | 12/10/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 47 | Consultel | \$ 5,082.00 | Technical advice for Clever Networks program | Open | 21/12/2007 | 30/06/2008 |

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| 48 | Consultel | \$ 4,501.24 | Technical consultancy | Open | 20/12/2006 | 14/12/2007 |
| 49 | Contact Centre Action | \$ 1,361.25 | Consultancy Services for Proposed Contact Centre Procurement Process | Direct | 7/02/2008 | 29/02/2008 |
| 50 | Convergent Consulting | \$ 68,915.00 | Consultancy for a scoping study on national broadcasting | Select | 8/12/2008 | 9/02/2009 |
| 51 | Convergent Consulting | \$ 74,260.00 | Assess of National Broadcaster Equipment Distribution and transmission costs for Digital Radio Services | Direct | 31/10/2007 | 19/02/2008 |
| 52 | Corrs Chambers Westgarth | \$ 285,926.35 | National Broadband Network Project | Open | 17/03/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 53 | Corrs Chambers Westgarth | \$ 2,407,574.65 | Legal advice-National Broadband Network project | Open | 24/04/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 54 | Corrs Chambers Westgarth | \$ - | Additional Legal services relating to NBN Project | Open | 18/12/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 55 | Cox Inall Communications | \$ 61,212.58 | Public Relations Consultancy for the Telecommunications Consumer Community Campaign | Open | 25/05/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 56 | Cudex Pty Ltd T/A Newspoll | \$ 165,499.40 | Research into Australia's Digital TV readiness | Open | 23/09/2008 | 22/09/2011 |
| 57 | Dandolo Partners Pty Limited | \$ 38,339.40 | Digital Economy Forum & Workshops | Open | 12/08/2008 | 22/09/2008 |
| 58 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ 57,539.35 | Mobile Connect Infrastructure Project | Open | 28/05/2008 | 18/09/2008 |

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|------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 59 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ 12,499.30 | Advice Liability Risks-Youth Advisory Group | Open | 8/07/2008 | 11/03/2009 |
| 60 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ 31,630.45 | Telstra CDMA change over to 3G | Open | 20/12/2006 | 28/06/2008 |
| 61 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ 357.50 | Legal & Probity Advice in connection with taskforce | Open | 22/06/2007 | 22/04/2008 |
| 62 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ 446,957.89 | Telstra License Conditions | Open | 23/08/2007 | 13/05/2008 |
| 63 | DLA Phillips Fox | \$ - | Telstra License Conditions | Open | 8/10/2007 | 25/02/2008 |
| 64 | Eckermann & Associates | \$ 36,575.00 | Development of best practice local government planning guidelines for broadband deployment in Greenfield | Open | 26/02/2008 | 30/05/2008 |
| 65 | Eckermann & Associates | \$ 14,850.00 | Represent Australia at OECD workshop | Open | 10/03/2008 | 30/04/2008 |
| 66 | Enex Pty Ltd | \$ 17,060.00 | ABG Program Technical Consultancy | Open | 2/02/2009 | 30/06/2010 |
| 67 | Enex Pty Ltd | \$ 194,587.92 | Testing of PC content filters, technical management of ISP Filtering live pilot and ad hoc advice. | Open | 15/06/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 68 | Enex Pty Ltd | \$ 398,994.49 | ABG Data Speed Management Facility and Technical Consultancy - Extension of contract | Open | 1/09/2007 | 31/01/2009 |
| 69 | EP SRC Solutions Pty Ltd | \$ 21,592.38 | Rehabilitation Case Management Services | Direct | 26/05/2008 | 26/11/2008 |

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|------------|--|---|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 70 | Ernst & Young | \$ - | Consultancy Services to review the Department's Risk and Fraud Control Plans | Open | 9/10/2008 | 1/02/2009 |
| 71 | Ernst & Young | \$ - | Finance system options review | Open | 20/01/2009 | 27/02/2009 |
| 72 | ERNST & YOUNG | \$ - | Review Services | Select | 30/05/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 73 | Ford Kelly Executive Connections Pt | \$ 71,500.00 | Recruitment for non-executive directors to the ABC and SBS boards | Select | 28/10/2008 | 16/01/2009 |
| 74 | Frontier Economics Pty Ltd | \$ 1,196,767.60 | Specialist Economic Regulatory Advice for National Broadband Network | Open | 6/05/2008 | 6/05/2009 |
| 75 | George Patterson Y & R Pty Limited | \$ 10,000.00 | Pitching fees in response to Digital Switchover Taskforce Information & awareness campaign | Direct | 1/08/2008 | 22/01/2009 |
| 76 | Gibson Quai - AAS Pty Ltd | \$ 70,600.00 | Consultancy re Take-up of VOIP services in Australia | Open | 18/03/2008 | 17/06/2008 |
| 77 | Gibson Quai - AAS Pty Ltd | \$ 672,444.98 | Provision of specialist technical advice for National Broadband Network | Open | 20/03/2008 | 20/03/2009 |
| 78 | Gibson Quai - AAS Pty Ltd | \$ 14,720.00 | Independent Cost Assessment Community Phones | Open | 10/10/2008 | 1/06/2009 |
| 79 | Gibson Quai - AAS Pty Ltd | \$ 146,423.98 | Consultancy to develop models for a testing & conformance scheme for Digital TV receivers | Open | 5/10/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 80 | Gibson Quai - AAS Pty Ltd | \$ 75,999.70 | Consultancy Services - Gibson Quai International USO Consultancy | Open | 1/11/2007 | 21/12/2007 |

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|------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 81 | Gilbert & Tobin | \$ 56,650.00 | Consultancy on a comparative assessment of telecommunications retail price controls in selected countries | Open | 4/04/2008 | 10/06/2008 |
| 82 | Gillian Beaumont Recruitment Pty Lt | \$ 51,834.00 | Recruitment of SES and Legal positions | Direct | 16/08/2007 | 4/02/2008 |
| 83 | Grosvenor Management Consulting | \$ 20,195.00 | Analysis relating to renegotiation of PC internet content filters vendors fees under the NFS | Panel | 28/07/2008 | 31/12/2008 |
| 84 | Hansen and Searson Executive search | \$ - | Executive Search firm to conduct the recruitment process for Deputy Chair for ACMA | Select | 25/02/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 85 | Hinds Workforce Research | \$ 57,299.91 | 2008 Department Organisational Staff Survey | Direct | 15/08/2008 | 10/02/2009 |
| 86 | Interiors Australia | \$ - | Design Services for Dig Aus | Open | 22/10/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 87 | Intermedia | \$ 74,632.50 | Costing of satellite transmission TV services | Select | 4/08/2008 | 31/08/2008 |
| 88 | Intermedia | \$ 14,850.00 | Additional Digital TV re-transmission & DTH consultancy report - Oct '08 | Select | 2/10/2008 | 16/10/2008 |
| 89 | Internet Industry Association | \$ 127,600.00 | PAFO- Joint Government /IIA Feasibility study in relation to ISP Filtering | Direct | 21/09/2007 | 14/03/2008 |
| 90 | Internetrix | \$ 20,020.00 | Search Engine Optimisation | Open | 6/01/2009 | 16/01/2009 |
| 91 | KAZ Group Pty Limited | \$ 12,055.00 | Consultancy Services - Web Architecture Review | Open | 13/09/2003 | 13/04/2009 |

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|------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 92 | Kordia Pty Ltd | \$ 17,204.00 | Digital Dividend Technical Advice Consultancy | Open | 14/08/2008 | 14/02/2009 |
| 93 | Kordia Solutions Pty Ltd | \$ 146,850.00 | Study of the technical implications of the Digital Switchover | Open | 21/04/2008 | 13/06/2008 |
| 94 | KPMG | \$ 75,850.00 | Expert advice on international mobile roaming | Open | 28/03/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 95 | KPMG | \$ 1,416,718.40 | Provision of specialist investment and financial advice for National Broadband Network | Open | 17/03/2008 | 17/03/2009 |
| 96 | KPMG | \$ 78,428.75 | Evaluation of Payroll and Personnel Admin Services | Open | 12/05/2008 | 20/06/2008 |
| 97 | KPMG | \$ 69,699.99 | Study of current & emerging e-security issues | Open | 12/05/2008 | 19/06/2008 |
| 98 | KPMG | \$ 12,870.00 | Internal Audit Services to the Department 08-2010 | Open | 25/09/2008 | 30/06/2010 |
| 99 | KPMG | \$ 41,794.50 | Financial management review of Australian Broadband Guarantee program | Open | 22/09/2008 | 13/10/2008 |
| 100 | KPMG | \$ 55,255.10 | SAP Tech Support Evaluation | Panel | 27/09/2007 | 15/01/2008 |
| 101 | KPMG Tasmania General Account | \$ 42,900.01 | Liquidation process for NetAlert windup | Open | 26/11/2008 | 30/11/2008 |
| 102 | Langtree Information Management | \$ 26,400.00 | Consultancy Service Agreement for Info System | Direct | 21/08/2008 | 30/09/2008 |
| 103 | Len Early Pty Ltd | \$ 17,800.00 | External Member for Audit Committee | Select | 3/09/2007 | 3/09/2009 |

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|------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 104 | Luther Consulting | \$ 18,675.81 | Specialist advise on spectrum regulation | Direct | 25/02/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 105 | Mary Dickie Issues Management Pty Ltd | \$ 212,569.98 | Public Relations Activities for the 2008 National E-Security Awareness Week | Select | 17/03/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 106 | McGrath Nicol & Partners | \$ 32,153.00 | Consultancy to advise on SAP integration with BCOMS | Open | 23/07/2008 | 1/08/2008 |
| 107 | McGrath Nicol & Partners | \$ - | Consultancy National Broadcasters Triennium Funding-Capital Funding Review | Open | 3/09/2008 | 30/11/2008 |
| 108 | McGrath Nicol & Partners | \$ 4,400.00 | Financial Viability Checks Community Phones | Open | 17/09/2008 | 16/10/2008 |
| 109 | McGrath Nicol & Partners | \$ 334,835.38 | Provision of audits under the Australian Broadband Guarantee program | Open | 14/08/2007 | 30/06/2009 |
| 110 | McLeod Marketing and Management | \$ 5,940.00 | Annual Report Writer | Select | 23/05/2008 | 31/10/2008 |
| 111 | Minter Ellison Lawyers | \$ 976.80 | Legal fees | Open | 7/11/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 112 | Noetic Solutions Pty Ltd | \$ 44,996.00 | Engage a facilitator for the CSIAAG broadcasting desktop exercise | Select | 13/05/2008 | 18/06/2008 |
| 113 | Oakton Services Pty Limited | \$ - | Security Classification review for ICT network | Open | 1/11/2008 | 31/03/2009 |
| 114 | Oakton Services Pty Limited | \$ 25,410.00 | Provision of auditing services in relation to PC filter vendor contracts | Panel | 28/08/2008 | 30/06/2009 |

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| 115 | ODS Management Consulting Pty Ltd | \$ - | The Development of selected documents into the Exari system | Open | 3/01/2008 | 31/05/2008 |
| 116 | Omaha IT Services Pty Ltd | \$ 23,760.00 | SQL Conversion and related TRIM support services | Open | 26/11/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 117 | Oracle Corporation | \$ 55,741.06 | Oracle License & Maintenance Feb 08-09 | Open | 19/09/2008 | 20/02/2009 |
| 118 | Origin Communications Pty | \$ 3,964.52 | CIC Project Management - Indigenous | Open | 1/07/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 119 | Orima Research | \$ 535,706.87 | Communication Research for the Digital Switchover Taskforce Information & awareness campaign | Select | 10/07/2008 | 9/07/2009 |
| 120 | Orima Research | \$ 49,236.00 | ABG - Research Survey | Open | 15/12/2008 | 30/06/2009 |
| 121 | Palm Consulting Group Pty Ltd | \$ 30,892.50 | Change management facilitator FAB | Open | 7/07/2008 | 30/01/2009 |
| 122 | Plum Consulting Ltd | \$ 234,418.68 | Expiry of 15 Year Spectrum Licences | Open | 11/10/2008 | 5/12/2008 |
| 123 | Protiviti Pty Ltd | \$ 19,415.00 | ABG Provider Management Compliance Strategy & Methodology Framework | Open | 21/08/2008 | 28/08/2008 |
| 124 | Protiviti Pty Ltd | \$ 234,052.50 | Internal Audit Consultancy | Open | 25/06/2008 | 29/06/2008 |
| 125 | Publicis Mojo Pty Ltd | \$ - | Pitching fees in response to the Digital Switchover Taskforce advertising brief | Direct | 1/08/2008 | 15/12/2008 |

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| 126 | Quality Management Solutions | \$ 64,937.24 | Workplace Investigations | Direct | 29/07/2008 | 31/12/2008 |
| 127 | Quantum Market Research | \$ 93,479.44 | Market Research for the Telecommunications Consume Community Information Campaign | Open | 8/12/2006 | 30/06/2008 |
| 128 | Queensland University of Technology | \$ 67,500.00 | Review of Australia's E-Security issues | Direct | 16/06/2008 | 22/08/2008 |
| 129 | R. D. Gossip Pty Ltd | \$ - | Proposal and advice for 38 Sydney carpark | Direct | 30/01/2009 | 13/02/2009 |
| 130 | SAATCHI & SAATCHI | \$ 10,000.00 | Pitching fees in response to the Digital Taskforce Information & awareness campaign | Direct | 1/08/2008 | 16/12/2008 |
| 131 | SAP Australia Pty Ltd | \$ 99,301.52 | SAP Productivity and workshops | Direct | 21/04/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 132 | SecureLink Pty Ltd | \$ 2,035.00 | Review the IT infrastructure and Security Configuration | Select | 25/08/2008 | 12/11/2008 |
| 133 | SIFT Pty Ltd | \$ 24,430.00 | Development of ITSEAG wireless advisory papers | Direct | 17/12/2007 | 30/04/2008 |
| 134 | SIFT Pty Ltd | \$ 114,136.00 | Defence in Depth and User Access Management | Open | 12/03/2008 | 15/06/2008 |
| 135 | Southern Cross Computing Pty Ltd | \$ - | Scoping of database migration exercise | Open | 8/12/2008 | 24/12/2008 |
| 136 | STM Consulting Pty Ltd | \$ 39,930.00 | Digital Dividend Technical Consultancy Stage 2 | Open | 26/08/2008 | 14/10/2008 |
| 137 | The Campaign Palace Red Cell Pty Lt | \$ 10,000.00 | Pitching fees in response to the Digital Switchover Taskforce advertising brief | Direct | 1/08/2008 | 16/12/2008 |

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| 138 | Tower Software Engineering | \$ 5,610.00 | TRIM Technical checkup | Select | 6/06/2008 | 23/06/2008 |
| 139 | Trinity P3 Pty Ltd | \$ 7,480.00 | Tender Cost Assessment | Select | 1/09/2008 | 1/10/2008 |
| 140 | Trish Bergin Consulting | \$ 19,800.00 | Review of Departmental activities, priorities and resources | Select | 21/01/2009 | 6/03/2009 |
| 141 | Usability One | \$ 57,425.00 | Usability testing for Stay Smart Online | Open | 19/11/2008 | 16/01/2009 |
| 142 | Vision Australia | \$ 28,380.00 | Accessibility testing of the Stay Smart Online website | Open | 9/12/2008 | 9/02/2009 |
| 143 | Wallis Research Group Pty Ltd | \$ 46,121.00 | Client Survey Finance & Budgets, Corp & Business | Select Tender | 15/11/2007 | 11/04/2008 |
| 144 | Wallis Research Group Pty Ltd | \$ 34,663.89 | Client Services Charter satisfaction annual survey for 07/08/09 | Open | 1/03/2007 | 30/06/2010 |
| 145 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 81,283.70 | Consultancy Services WT-Network SLA 07/08 | Open | 1/02/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 146 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 16,009.40 | Financial Consultancy Services for Contact Centre | Open | 7/03/2008 | 30/05/2008 |
| 147 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 26,887.30 | Assistance with the Tender for Application Development & Maintenance Panel | Open | 1/02/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 148 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 51,645.00 | Consultancy - ICT services transition Plan | Open | 21/04/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 149 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 13,530.00 | Provision for ICT Transition Documentation | Open | 18/07/2008 | 30/09/2009 |

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| 150 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 19,886.35 | Web Staff Training Report | Open | 11/08/2008 | 10/10/2008 |
| 151 | Walter Turnbull | \$ - | Information Flow Tracking | Select | 25/10/2007 | 30/06/2008 |
| 152 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 35,973.74 | Consultancy Services for ICT Options | Open | 24/06/2008 | 30/06/2008 |
| 153 | Walter Turnbull | \$ 57,390.26 | Development of Records Disposal Authority Documentation | Panel | 13/02/2008 | 25/06/2008 |
| 154 | Woolcott Research Pty Ltd | \$ 79,500.00 | Focus Group research for Clever Networks | Open | 11/03/2008 | 11/06/2008 |