

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates, 16 & 17 February 2005

Question: Add 41

Topic: NCC - Consultancy Costs

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Senator Carr asked:

Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the department and all associated agencies. Please include the following:

- The costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual;
- The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year;
- The total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year;
- The nature and purpose of the consultancy;
- The method by which the contract was let;
- The name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract.

Answer:

Please see attached document.

National Competition Council response to Senate Economics Legislation Committee Questions on Notice: Add 41 – Consultancy Costs

Name/ details of Company and individual who performed contract	Nature & Purpose of Contract	Method by which contract was let	Cost of completed consultancy	Cost for ongoing consultancy	Budgeted Cost *
Pirac Economics (Deborah Cope) 20 Woolhouse Street, Northcote 3070	Work on 2002-2003 Annual Report	Selected for specialized expertise	47,200.00		
Haines Norton (Natalie Shehata) Lvl 8, 607 Bourke St Melbourne	Preparation of 2002/03 final accounts	Selected for specialized expertise	5,916.25		
Gavin Anderson & Company (Brian Tyson) 137 Pymont Street 2009	Communications advice	Selected for specialized expertise and immediate availability	16,050.00		
URS Australia Pty Ltd (Jennifer Hale) PO Box 285, Richmond 3121	Staff Secondment	Selected for specialized expertise	69,750.00		
Wizard Personnel (Ken Thomas) 15 Barry Drive Turner 2612	Staff Secondment	Selected for specialized expertise	732.48		
Firecone Venture (Jamie Carstairs) Level 14, 350 Collins Street, Melbourne	Advice to NCC on the NSW response to the Council on ETEF	Selected for specialized expertise	3,200.00		
Eco Assist (Rhonda Smith) 70 Reynolds Road, Templestowe 3106	Consultancy work in relation to Sydney Airport	Selected for specialized expertise	1,650.00		
Kevin Courtney 2 Alexander Avenue Canterbury VIC	Chair, Audit Committee	Selected for specialized expertise	764.00		

* Budgeted cost not included as all consultancies completed within overall consulting budget and any quoted fees. Specific budgets for all consultancies were not prepared.

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The Allen Consulting Group 4 th Floor, 128 Exhibition St., Melbourne	Review of microeconomic reform in Australia	Tender	23,181.82		
Ridge Partners (Steven Spencer) PO Box 13081 George St 4003	Work done on independent review of the impact of deregulation of the Australian Dairy Industry	Tender	13,000.00		
Acil Tasman (Greg Martin) 103-105, Northbourne Avenue, Turner 2612	Review and reform of statutory grain marketing arrangements consultancy	Tender	22,500.00		
Michael James 11 River Park Place Fig Tree Pocket QLD 4069	Work on NCP Assessment/Resource Advice	Selected for specialized expertise		37,468.15	
Clayton Utz (Linda Evans / Kirsten Webb) Level 27-35 1 O'Connell Street Sydney NSW, 2000	Advice on National Gas Access Code issues	Selected from small group of law firms deemed to have suitable expertise	41,445.98		
Phillips Fox (Simon Uihmeyer) 120 Collins Street Melbourne Victoria 3000	Advice on National Gas Code issues and Part IIIA of the TPA	Selected from small group of law firms deemed to have suitable expertise	24,295.29		
Australian Govt Solicitor (Yvonne Newman) Lvl 21, 200 Queen St, Melb	Advice on FOI issues	Selected from small group of law firms deemed to have suitable expertise	1,599.00		
TOTAL			271,284.82	37,468.15	

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