

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

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**Question: Add 46**

**Topic: Inspector-General of Taxation - Consultancy Costs**

**Hansard Page: Written**

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:

Details of Inspector-General of Taxation consultancies are disclosed at page 27 of the 2003-4 Inspector-General of Taxation Annual Report.

To summarise, 5 consultancies were undertaken in the 2003-4 financial year at a total cost of \$67,708. All consultancies related to corporate service function eg recruitment, financial reporting, office fitout. The consultancies were let by direct engagement, and all expenditure was within budget.

The only consultancy of a material amount (exceeding \$10,000) related to project management of the fitout of new accommodation. This consultancy totalled \$44,620 (out of the total consultant cost for the agency of \$67,708) and was undertaken by Group GSA Pty Ltd, Sydney, NSW.