

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: aet 143**

**Topic: Consultancies (ASIC)**

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**Senator EGGLESTON asked:**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and 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.

**Answer:**

1. 112 consultancies (over \$10k) procured since November 2007, total value being \$12.4m including GST. The attached listing provides the details requested.
2. The budget for consultancies in the 2009-10 financial year is \$10.43m. Our finance systems operate on a financial year basis. Information can be provided on a calendar year basis however it will require a considerable amount of effort to extract that information is not available at this time.

The Government policy on the Annual Procurement Plan recommends the inclusion of strategic and key procurements relating to major and key initiatives. The majority of ASIC's consultants' costs do not fall into this category. Specific consultancy services in relation to investigations cannot generally be planned in a way that would enable them to be included in the Annual Procurement Plan.