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Question No: AET 51

Topic: ACCC – Consultancies

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Senator Bushby asked:

How much has the Department spent on consultancy services this financial year? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).

How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since October Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).

Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?

Has there been any changes in the consultancies that are planned for this calendar year since October Estimates 2010? If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

Details of ACCC consultancies are published on the ACCC website. This information is mirrored on the AusTender website and appears each year in the ACCC Annual Report.

The ACCC is up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website.

The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies since October 2010. Accordingly

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it is not possible to ensure all consultancies are published in the Annual Procurement Plan at the commencement of each financial year.

The majority of ACCC consultancies are engaged via two ACCC Standing Offer Panels that have been publicly tendered.