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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: AI-232

- 1) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). 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) *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA) agencies are required to report procurement contracts of \$10,000 or more on AusTender within six weeks of the arrangement being entered into. The Department has complied with this reporting requirement. Consultancies undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and this financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au. Additionally, details of consultancy contracts valued at \$10,000 or more are reported in the Department's Annual Reports available at www.innovation.gov.au.
- 2) Planned strategic procurements for the Department, including consultancies for the 2011-12 financial year, are included in the 2011-12 Annual Procurement Plan (APP). This is available at www.tenders.gov.au.

Please note – as this information is as at 29 February 2012 this does not include figures for Outcome 3 which is transferring from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations due to the recent Machinery of Government.