

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates 2012

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**Question: AET 703 - 706**

**Topic: Consultancies(ACCC)**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

703. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?
704. 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.
705. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
706. 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:**

703. Details of ACCC consultancies are published annually on the ACCC website. This information is mirrored on the Austender website and appears each year in the Annual Report. The ACCC also provides this information through the Senate Order on consultancies and contracts.
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705. 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 at any given time.
706. As per the reasons outlined in Question 705, 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.