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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Consultants

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-103

- a) What consultants have been engaged by ANSTO over the past 12 months?
- b) What areas were the consultants sought to advise on?
- c) How much was paid to the consultants?
- d) Who were the consultants?
- e) How much was paid in legal fees by ANSTO over the past 12 months?
- f) How much was paid in non-legal consultants by ANSTO over the past 12 months?
- g) Were consultants sought by tender or direct appointment?
- h) If tender, who was the decision-maker on the consultants who were successful in the tender process?
- i) Who were the successful consultants?

ANSWER

The details of the non-legal consultants engaged by ANSTO from 1 May 2008 until 30 April 2009, in response to questions a) – d) and f) – i), are outed in the table below. During the period 1 May 2008 until 30 April 2009, a total of \$444,788.07 (excluding GST) was paid by ANSTO to non-legal consultants.

Regarding question e), ANSTO has paid approximately \$742,000.00 (excluding GST and including disbursements) to external legal providers from 1 May 2008 until 30 April 2009.

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Non-legal consultants engaged from 1 May 2008 – 30 April 2009:	Areas the consultants were sought to advise on:	Total Amount paid from 1 May 2008 – 30 April 2009 (excluding GST):	Reason for consultancy:	Tender or Direct Appointment:
Allen Consulting Group	Independent advice and review of ANSTO's Corporate Public Affairs operations, including workshops and meeting	\$0.00 (see Note 1)	Need for independent evaluation	Direct appointment
APIS Group	Review of ANSTO's project management systems	\$19,900.00	Need for independent expertise	Direct Appointment
ARTCAN Management Services	Review and advise on ANSTO's Environmental Management System and procurement processes	\$36,500.00	Need for independent review	Direct Appointment
Atomic Energy of Canada Limited	Engineering consultancy	\$119,069.15	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
Australian Scientific Research	Specialist technical consultant	\$8,200.00	Need for independent assessment	Direct Appointment
Barry Smith Engineers Pty Limited	Engineering consultancy	\$8,490.00	Need for independent assessment	Direct Appointment
Berry Techcon	Engineering consultancy	\$30,012.69	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
Business Quality Management Pty Limited	Gap analysis of ANSTO's plant and equipment	\$12,800.00	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
Carbon Planet Ltd	Preparation of Carbon Footprint for ISO 14001 Certification	\$15,200.00	Need for independent study and requirement of ISO standard	Quotation Decision maker: ANSTO Selection Panel
Citrix Systems Asia Pacific Pty Limited	IT consultancy for concept review	\$22,000.00	Need for independent evaluation	Quotation Decision maker:

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				ANSTO Selection Panel
Cyclocon Ltd	Engineering consultancy	\$18,230.00	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
David Buckley & Associates Pty Limited	Compliance audits for the Therapeutic Goods Administration and Good Manufacturing Practice	\$8,800.00	Regulatory Requirement	Direct Appointment
Davis Langdon Australia	Fire audit and Risk Assessment Report for National Medical Cyclotron	\$12,000.00	Need for independent audit	Direct Appointment
Environmental Monitoring Services	Environmental site assessment	\$17,600.00	Need for independent assessment	Quotation Decision maker: ANSTO Selection Panel
Merrick and Company	Pre-conceptual evaluation of Hot Isostatic Press	\$0.00 (see Note 1)	Need for independent evaluation	Direct Appointment
NCS International Pty Limited	Certification of ANSTO's management systems	\$44,785.23	Regulatory requirement	Direct Appointment
The Leading Partnership	External review of the Radiopharmaceutical Research Institute	\$8,200.00	Need for independent assessment	Tender Decision maker: Acting CEO
Wormald	Security consultancy	\$0.00 (see Note 1)	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
Plaut IT Australia Pty Limited	Accounting software implementation consultancy	\$0.00 (see Note 1)	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Tender Decision maker: ANSTO Selection Panel
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Limited	Advice on traffic management options	\$5,465.00	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Direct Appointment
Green	Advice on research programs	\$1,920.00	Need for	Direct

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Consulting Pty Limited			independent review	Appointment
Robtech Consulting Pty Limited	Advice on research programs	\$2,616.00	Need for independent review	Direct Appointment
Sage Co Pty Limited	Advice and implementation of knowledge capture, retention and transfer	\$53,000.00	Specialist skills were not otherwise available	Quotation Decision maker: ANSTO Selection Panel

Note 1: The \$0.00 figures in the table indicate that no payments have been made within the period of 1 May 2008 until 30 April 2009, even though the consultants may have been engaged within this period.