

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Question: **BR 29**

Topic: Geoscience Australia

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Senator Bushby asked:

Consultants

1. What consultants have been engaged by Geoscience Australia over the past 12 months?
2. What areas were the consultants sought to advise on?
3. How much was paid to the consultants?
4. Who were the consultants?
5. How much was paid in legal fees by Geoscience Australia over the past 12 months?
6. How much was paid in non-legal consultants by Geoscience Australia over the past 12 months?
7. Were consultants sought by tender or direct appointment?
8. If tender, who was the decision-maker on the consultants who were successful in the tender process?
9. Who were the successful consultants?

Answer:

1. to 4. The attached Consultancy Report refers.
5. Over the last 12 months, Geoscience Australia paid \$352,252.66 (GST inclusive) in Legal Consultancy and Legal Contract Services.
6. and 7. The attached Consultancy Report refers.

8. All Geoscience Australia tenders are approved by an FMA Reg.9 Delegate, based on consideration of recommendations from a specifically formed Tender Evaluation Panel.

9. The attached Consultancy Report refers.