

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates, 2 June – 4 June 2009

Question: bet 155

Topic: Consultants (PC)

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Senator Bushby asked:

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

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Answer:

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a)	b)	c)	d)	e)	f)
Surveying small and medium enterprises (SMEs) about the impact of OHS regulations on compliance costs	\$49,445.00	Sensis Pty Ltd	Nil	Not yet paid	Direct appointment
Comparison across Australia and New Zealand of food safety legislation for primary production and processing.	\$36,410.00	Baldwins-Food Legal	Nil	Not yet paid	Direct appointment
Investigation of potential solution methods for a multistage stochastic urban water model.	\$13,200.00	University of Melbourne - Melbourne Research Office	Nil	\$13,200.00	Direct appointment
Proposed extensions to mutual recognition proposed in draft report: Review of Mutual Recognition Schemes – referee review	\$2,000.00	Jonathan Pincus	Nil	\$2,000.00	Direct appointment
Review the effects of education and health on wages and productivity – referee review	\$1,000.00	RMIT University - Prof Tim Fry	Nil	\$1,000.00	Direct appointment
Developing an Armington-Heckscher-Ohlin database – referee review	\$1,000.00	Kym Anderson and Assoc	Nil	\$1,000.00	Direct appointment
Modelling Economy-wide Effects of Future Automotive Assistance – referee review	\$4,000.00	Jonathan Pincus	Nil	\$4,000.00	Direct appointment

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a)	b)	c)	d)	e)	f)
Economic Implications of Open Sky Agreements – referee review	\$2,400.00	Andrew B Smith	Nil	\$2,400.00	Direct appointment
Working paper on Investment in Intangible Assets and Australia's Productivity Growth – referee review	\$2,750.00	University of Melbourne - Elizabeth Webster	Nil	\$2,750.00	Direct appointment
Australian Health Economists Conference Health Productivity paper – referee review	\$1,500.00	Econometric Solutions	Nil	\$1,500.00	Direct appointment
Health Productivity Conference paper – referee review	\$1,500.00	Prof Bruce Hollingsworth	Nil	\$1,500.00	Direct appointment
Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage 2009 report – referee review	\$8,750.01	Edith Cowan University - Prof Colleen Hayward	Nil	\$8,750.01	Direct appointment