

Question: BET 188

Topic: Consultancies (ABS)

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Senator Barnett asked:

- 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).**

Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.

Answer:

99 consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007 to 30 June 2010, for a total *awarded Contract value* (GST inclusive) of \$9,201,538.70.

The following table shows the total expenditure on all consultancies in the identified period, including payments made on new contracts let, and payments made on contracts let in previous years.

Period	Consultancies (number)	Expenditure (\$ including GST)
2007-08	30	677,999
2008-09	43	1,353,005
2009-10	53	3,298,010

The above figures are sourced from ABS annual reports.

The required additional information is provided in the table on page 3 of this response.

The ABS's cyclical work program was the key reason for the increase in expenditure in 2009-10. In addition, after a review of contracts during 2009-10 the ABS now reports internal audit services as a consultancy contract consistent with the guidance contained in Financial Management Guidance No. 15.

- 2. Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?**

Answer:

The ABS is up to date with its reporting requirements. The figures are available on the Government's tenders and contracts website.

- 3. 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.**

Answer:

ABS advertises planned open approaches to market on the APP. The ABS APP for 2010-11 identifies one planned procurement for the provision of consultancy services this calendar year, being for the provision of specialist advice on systems architecture, software design and business process management. The estimated value of the services is \$80,000.

Additional information in relation to Question 1

Name	Total Spending	Subject Matter	Duration	Selection Process	Potential Total Contract Value
Bellewarra Investments	\$3,792.00	Audit committee meeting	01/07/2008-30/06/2011	Direct	\$24,000.00
Bibliology Pty Ltd	\$13,968.00	Recordkeeping classification review	29/11/2007-13/06/2008	Direct	\$13,968.00
Burson -Marstellar Pty Ltd	\$44,358.96	Professional fees for research into Gen Y behaviours	28/9/2009-27/5/2010	Direct	\$44,358.96
Colliers International Projects Services Pty Ltd	\$99,131.00	Tenancy services review & efficiency recommendations DPC	15/09/2009-30/09/2010	Direct	\$203,500.00
Cordelta Pty Ltd	\$34,268.80	Reviewing the End of Month processing	18/05/2009-31/08/2009	Direct	\$34,268.80
Corefiling	\$84,732.41	XBRL taxonomy development environment	01/07/2008-30/06/2010	Public	\$84,732.41
Data#3 Ltd	\$272,010.82	Desktop asset management	09/12/2009-08/12/2011	Public	\$272,010.82
Deloitte (Aust) Pty Ltd	\$250,500.00	Review of ABS corporate services	01/06-31/12/2009	Restricted	\$250,500.00
Debra Foggin	\$125,945.25	ABS Corporate Services Division review	29/10/2009-31/08/2010	Direct	\$125,945.25
Deloitte Australia Pty Ltd	\$239,567.02	Review of ABS Corporate Services	1/6-31/12/2009	Restricted	\$250,500.00
Deloitte Touche Tomatsu	\$59,548.65	Implementation of review of ABS Corporate Services	30/11-18/12/2009	Direct	\$59,548.65
Dimension Data Pty Ltd	\$28,800.00	Assist with the design and build of voice and data networks	26/11/2007-31/05/2008	Direct	\$28,800.00
Dr Nicholas Biddle	\$11,200.00	Project on measuring socioeconomic status	11/3-23/04/2010	Direct	\$11,200.00

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Robert Edwards	\$0.00	Review of the May 2010 Labour Force Release, External client interviews to identify key stakeholder satisfaction as part of Key Performance Indicator for the ELG, Input into the policy development of the national statistical policy and review materials	01/07-31/12/2010	Direct	\$50,000.00
Enterprise Intelligence Pty Ltd	\$13,970.00	Advice and Assistance with the ABS International Collaboration Initiative	02/12/2009-30/06/2011	Direct	\$75,000.00
Excelerated Consulting	\$21,272.00	TM1 financial reporting tool enhancements	01/11/2004-31/10/2010	Restricted	\$21,272.00
Excelerated Consulting	\$20,295.00	Amend naming conventions and mapping in TM1	07/05/2009-14/05/2009	Direct	\$20,295.00
Fianian Pty Ltd	\$53,762.50	Planning and designing internal and external communication and engagement strategies for Technical Services Division	24/03-30/06/2010	Direct	\$60,000.00
Fellows Medlock & Associates Pty Ltd	\$27,930.00	Review of ABS CA 2003-2006 process	01/12/2003-01/09/2008	Direct	\$27,930.00
Food Standards Australia New Zealand	\$154,545.00	Preparation of survey Nutrient Database	31/05/2010-31/12/2012	Direct	\$1,700,000.00
Forcefield Services Pty Ltd	\$12,721.37	Technical advice on electronic security systems	13/10/2007-14/10/2010	Direct	\$12,721.37
Forrester Research Australia	\$17,347.00	Review of ABS website effectiveness	02/04/2006-30/03/2008	Direct	\$17,347.00
Fujitsu Ltd	\$83,545.00	Review of technology application software development	29/06/2009-31/07/2009	Direct	\$83,545.00

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Fusion GMS Pty Ltd	\$32,505.00	Development of training modules for the 2010 graduate development program	28/1-28/11/2010	Direct	\$54,700.00
Global Speech Networks Pty Ltd	\$9,157.50	Analysis of, and advice and recommendations on, potential improvements to ABS communications and related systems	24/05-30/06/2010	Direct	\$30,000.00
Gray Puksand	\$11,055.00	Concept design/design drawings for DPC	01/09/2009-22/09/2010	Direct	\$11,055.00
HBA Consulting	\$90,800.00	Review of Census field staff employment conditions	08/08/2008-07/08/2009	Direct	\$90,800.00
HBA Consulting	\$15,125.00	Independent Review of ABS workplace relations issue.	14/12/2009-29/01/2010	Direct	\$15,125.00
Hinds Workforce Research Pty Ltd	\$279,149.03	Design and conduct a national employee survey, analyse and present findings and provide action planning support - ABS1083 .	02/02/2010-30/06/2011	Restricted	\$279,149.03
Imre Hegedus Consulting	\$3,471.52	Developing workplan for E2E business processes	01/07/2008-30/10/2008	Direct	\$3,471.52
Information Management Australia	\$15,400.00	Supply of the XBRL taxonomy development environment	01/07/2008-30/06/2010	Direct	\$15,400.00
Innogen Pty Ltd	\$8,662.50	Review of TM1 usage	01-30/06/2009	Direct	\$8,662.50
In Totality Pty Ltd	\$24,200.00	IT Service Management requirements and platform review	08/03-30/04/2010	Direct	\$24,200.00
James Anthony Swansson	\$9,310.00	Review of ABS corporate governance	01/09/2008-30/09/2008	Direct	\$9,310.00
King Partnership	\$109,995.00	Advice and assistance with data modelling for the Standard Business Reporting project	02/10/2007-31/03/2008	Direct	\$109,995.00

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KPMG	\$29,150.00	Financial management review	23/02-26/03/2009	Direct	\$29,150.00
Link Learning Pty Ltd	\$4,203.00	Advice & assistance with data modelling & government reporting harmonisation for the SBR project	01/07/2007-30/06/2008	Direct	\$4,203.00
Link Learning Pty Ltd	\$15,332.32	Facilitation of implementation of TSD strategic alignment program	10/09-21/12/2009	Direct	\$15,332.32
Link Learning Pty Ltd	\$18,980.14	Development of Technical Services Division team strategy	01/10/2009-31/03/2010	Direct	\$18,980.14
Lodestone Consulting Pty Ltd	\$5,270.00	Human Resources metrics paper	01/06-31/07/2008	Direct	\$5,270.00
Mark Dignam & Associates Pty Ltd	\$113,740.31	Focus Group and Cognitive Testing Services for the Census 2011	14/5/07-13/5/2011	Open	\$450,000.00
Market Attitude Research Services	\$166,047.05	Focus Group and Cognitive Testing Services for the Census 2011	14/5/07-13/5/2012	Open	\$450,000.00
Max Shanahan and Associates	\$6,400.00	Audit committee meeting	01/07/2009-30/06/2012	Direct	\$24,000.00
Metadata Technologies North America	\$47,717.29	DDI and SDMX technical advice and training	11/01-31/12/2010	Direct	\$150,000.00
William P McLennan	\$38,512.00	Reviewing ABS statistical legislation	11/08/2008-30/04/2009	Direct	\$38,512.00
Monitoring & Evaluation Research Association Ltd	\$10,429.70	The development of an Australian labour market catchment geography	29/09/2008-31/03/2009	Direct	\$10,429.70

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Nous Group	\$155,735.30	Developing and implementing the change management process for Corporate Services Improvement Program	04/03/2010-17/12/2010	Direct	\$300,600.00
Nous Group	\$96,140.00	Establish TA Identity	19/04-30/06/2010	Direct	\$96,140.00
Oakton AA Services Pty Ltd	\$926,586.00	Internal auditor services	01/07/2005-30/05/2010	Public	\$926,586.00
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$2,310.00	Evaluation on leave liability reporting processes	01-30/06/2008	Direct	\$2,310.00
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$132,007.02	Reviewing internally generated software applications	01/07-30/11/2009	Restricted	\$132,007.02
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$167,860.02	Enterprise architecture refresh	17/02-31/08/2010	Direct	\$167,860.02
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$24,846.25	Review and development of system security plans	17/05-07/09/2010	Direct	\$70,000.00
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$16,533.00	Review of ABS Source Human Resource Data	05/05-30/06/2010	Direct	\$35,464.00
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	\$19,604.20	Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Improvement	10/05-31/08/2010	Direct	\$95,000.00
Panalysis Pty Ltd	\$24,419.00	Implementation of Urchin web analysis software	09/04/2008-08/04/2011	Public	\$75,940.00
Pattinson Consulting	\$36,600.00	Review of energy statistics	24/09/2009-31/01/2010	Direct	\$36,600.00
Peter Collins and Associates	\$118,812.50	Strategic alignment project	10/9/2007-11/9/2008	Direct	\$118,812.50

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Predicate Partners Pty Ltd	\$107,917.00	Standard business reporting	19/01-31/08/2009	Direct	\$107,917.00
Presence of IT	\$23,100.00	Oracle implementation advice	31/03-29/04/2009	Public	\$23,100.00
Rapanea Consulting Ltd	\$74,400.00	Technical training and Advice SDMX & DDI statistical business processes	06/01-31/12/2010	Direct	\$74,400.00
Red Pony	\$15,680.00	Analysis of statistical literacy webpages	23/03-28/06/2009	Direct	\$15,680.00
Registries Ltd	\$22,395.00	Ballot services for ABS interviewers CA 2005-11	20/04/2009-19/04/2010	Restricted	\$22,395.00
Resolution Consulting Services	\$65,000.00	Assistance with the funding proposal and business case for the replacement of HR systems	23/07/2007-31/01/2008	Direct	\$65,000.00
Robert Brennan and Associates	\$88,279.75	Integrated Collection & Dissemination Services Division (ICDSD) Capability Assessment	09/03/-30/06/2010	Public	\$98,719.50
Robert W Edwards	\$77,000.00	ABS budget funding review	25/08-31/12/2008	Direct	\$77,000.00
Robert Weaver Pty Ltd	\$131,406.00	ABS House tenancy services review and efficiency recommendations	11/05-24/06/2009	Direct	\$131,406.00
RPM Solutions Pty Ltd	\$30,000.00	Setup, configuration and mentoring of ABS staff in relation to Business Availability Centre (BAC) software.	15-30/06/2008	Direct	\$30,000.00
RPM Solutions Pty Ltd	\$33,000.00	Setup, configuration and mentoring of ABS staff in relation to Business Availability Centre (BAC) software.	27/08-31/12/2009	Direct	\$33,000.00
RPM Solutions Pty Ltd	\$24,750.00	Setup, configuration and mentoring of ABS staff in relation to Business Availability Centre (BAC) software.	01/04-30/06/2009	Direct	\$24,750.00

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RPM Solutions Pty Ltd	\$54,862.50	Business availability centre software DDM implementation	27/08-31/12/2009	Direct	\$54,862.50
Sigma Management Science Pty Ltd	\$48,400.00	Project assurance advisory role for SBR project	02/10/2007-31/03/2008	Direct	\$48,400.00
Softscape Solutions	\$10,448.35	Human Resources Indicator reporting - Interim Solutions project	04/01-30/06/2010	Restricted	\$15,000.00
Softscape Solutions	\$7,999.31	Blaise software development of National Health Survey	31/03-11/04/2010	Restricted	\$7,999.31
Space Time Research Pty Ltd	\$10,233.00	Review the database structures that will be used in TableBuilder	02/10/2007-31/03/2008	Direct	\$10,233.00
Space Time Research Pty Ltd	\$4,352.86	Review of SuperStar 6.3 implementation	14-28/08/2009	Direct	\$4,352.86
Space Time Research Pty Ltd	\$2,609.97	Professional services re REEM Project	31/1-31/3/2010	Direct	\$2,609.97
Stratsec.net Pty Ltd	\$33,000.00	ABS252 Review of EFPS system	25/5-30/11/2009	Direct	\$33,000.00
Stratsec.net Pty Ltd	\$63,058.05	ABS333 Security Review 2011 Census	15/2-14/2/2011	Public	\$63,058.05
Stratsec.net Pty Ltd	\$19,896.80	ABS329 Procurement & deployment of a Web Application Firewall	07/04-06/08/2010	Direct	\$19,896.80
Stratsec.net Pty Ltd	\$28,424.00	ABS448 Consultancy re developing a strategy to implement a SOC	31/5-30/6/2010	Direct	\$28,424.00
Swinburne University of Technology	\$120,000.00	Integrated Intelligent Decision Support for Field Design and Management of Census Operations in Australia	01/01/2008-30/12/2010	Direct	\$120,000.00
Symantec Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	\$16,169.00	Altiris software packaging review	24/06-31/07/2009	Direct	\$16,169.00

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Taylor Nelson Sofres Pty Ltd	\$32,505.00	Secondary Providers Research	09/04-30/06/2010	Direct	\$60,000.00
Team Systems Pty Ltd	\$11,951.00	Advice to Corporate Services project team in developing structural and account – ability options for future provisions of Corporate Services ABS	01/05-30/06/2009	Direct	\$11,951.00
Team Systems Pty Ltd	\$8,137.00	Advice corporate services review team	01-31/03/2008	Direct	\$8,137.00
Tenancy Consulting Services	\$1,108.80	Design services	01-28-02/2010	Direct	\$1,108.80
Terry Offner	\$33,233.90	Technical advice to Vanuatu National Statistical Office	01-23/05/2008	Direct	\$33,233.90
Terry Offner	\$27,460.00	Technical advice to Vanuatu National Statistical Office	05/01-09/02/2009	Direct	\$27,460.00
Terry Offner	\$18,519.00	Technical advice to Vanuatu National Statistical Office	20/03-10/04/2009	Direct	\$18,519.00
The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia	\$100,000.00	Preparation of research paper	01/05-30/06/2008	Direct	\$100,000.00
University of Wollongong	\$33,000.00	Handling missing data in complex household surveys	22/05-31/05/2009	Direct	\$33,000.00
Conference Solutions	\$0.00	Conference Management solution	12/3-12/11/2010	Direct	\$52,300.00
Price Waterhouse Coopers	\$0.00	Development of Capital Management Plan and budget advice.	06/04-31/08/2010	Direct	\$68,948.00
Keith Blackburn Statistical Consultant	\$0.00	Assessing Pacific countries for inclusion in the 2011 International Comparison Project	28/05-23/07/2010	Direct	\$48,000.00

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Institute of Internal Auditors - Australia	\$0.00	External quality assessment of internal auditor process	01/06-31/07/2010	Direct	\$25,000.00
IBM Australia Ltd	\$0.00	IBM Tivoli software management upgrade	10/5-30/6/2010	Direct	\$60,000.00
IBM Australia Ltd	\$0.00	Agriculture survey setup	07/06/2010	Direct	\$100,000.00
Market Attitude Research Services Pty Ltd	\$0.00	Focus group testing for Agriculture testing.	25/6-24/8/2010	Direct	\$50,000.00
Consultancies let in 2009-10, with commencement of services in 2010-11					
Robert Edwards	\$0.00	Review of the May 2010 Labour Force Release, External client interviews to identify key stakeholder satisfaction as part of Key Performance Indicator for the ELG, Input into the policy development of the national statistical policy and review materials	01/07-31/12/2010	Direct	\$50,000.00