

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Budget Estimates**

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**Question: BET 189**

**Topic: Consultancies (ACCC)**

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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.

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?
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.

*All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.*

**Answer:**

1. Details of ACCC consultancies are published on the ACCC website ([www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au)). This information is mirrored on the AusTender website and appears each year in the ACCC Annual Report.
2. Yes.
3. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis. As such, the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies for 2010–11 period. Accordingly it is not possible to ensure all consultancies are published on 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.