

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

1 June – 3 June 2010

Question: BET 191

Topic: Consultancies (APRA)

Hansard Page: Written

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 contacts 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. (a) 59 to 1 August 2010
(b) FY 2008/09 = \$3.24 million & FY 2009/10 = \$2.08 million
2. (a) yes
(b) the figures are correct at the time of publishing
3. (a) Annual Procurement Plans are published at the beginning of the financial year for that financial year. The 2010/11 plan appears on the AusTender website.