

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: BET 194

Topic: Consultancies (PC)

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.

Name of Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Cost	Duration	Procurement Method
Assoc Prof Joseph Hirschberg, University of Melbourne	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	01/10/07-04/04/08	Direct
Prof John Freebairn, Faculty of Econ and Comm	Referee for review of Commission work	5,500.00	04/12/07-18/01/08	Direct
Professor Jeff Borland, Dept of Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,812.50	30/10/07-29/01/08	Direct
ACIL Tasman Pty Limited	Estimation of compliance costs of business registration regulation	60,049.00	19/12/07-18/03/08	Direct
Dr Peter Abelson, Applied Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	13/07/07-03/03/08	Direct
Associate Professor Kalvinder Shields, Dept of Econs Uni Melb	Referee for review of Commission work	4,000.00	07/03/08-17/03/08	Direct

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Prof Brett Inder, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	3,000.00	14/03/08-17/03/08	Direct
Taylor Nelson Sofres Aust P/L	Conducting business focus groups and surveys nationally for the Business Regulation Benchmarking Project	325,000.00	21/01/08-24/06/08	Open Tender
Christopher Murphy, Econtech	Referee for review of Commission work	5,610.00	20/03/08-05/05/08	Direct
David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	20/03/08-05/05/08	Direct
Dr Bob Birrell, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	1,650.00	03/06/08-4/06/08	Direct
Dr Philip Adams, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	3,750.00	28/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
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David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,290.00	28/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
John Zeitsch, Concept Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,125.00	23/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
Dr Elizabeth Webster, University of Melbourne	Referee for review of Commission work	2,750.00	06/09/08-06/10/08	Direct
Andrew Smith	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	04/09/08-29/09/08	Direct
Professor Jonathan Pincus	Referee for review of Commission work	2,000.00	23/10/08-31/10/08	Direct
Professor Jonathan Pincus	Referee for review of Commission work	4,000.00	23/10/08-31/10/08	Direct
Professor Kym Anderson, Kym Anderson & Associates	Referee for review of Commission work	1,000.00	10/11/08-26/11/08	Direct
Professor Christopher O'Donnell, Econometric Solutions P/L	Referee for review of Commission work	1,500.00	24/09/08-21/10/08	Direct
Professor Bruce Hollingsworth, Centre for Health Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	1,500.00	24/09/08-25/09/08	Direct
Professor Tim Fry, RMIT University	Referee for review of Commission work	1,000.00	11/03/09-25/03/2009	Direct
Professor Colleen Hayward, Edith Cowan University	Referee for review of Commission work	8,750.00	15/03/09-15/04/09	Direct
Melb Operations Research, Uni of Melbourne	Urban Water Modelling	13,200.00	01/05/09-15/06/09	Direct
Baldwins FoodLegal	Comparison across Aust and NZ food safety legislation for primary production and processing	36,410.00	18/05/09-30/06/09	Direct
Sensis P/L	Surveying the impact of OHS Regulation on SMEs	49,445.00	09/04/09-20/06/09	Direct
David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	20/08/09-29/08/09	Direct
Ken Heydon, London School of Economics and Political Science	Referee for review of Commission work	1,800.00	20/08/09-29/08/09	Direct
Professor Paul W Miller, University of Western Australia	Referee for review of Commission work	2,500.00	04/11/09-10/11/09	Direct
Professor James R.G Butler, University of Queensland	Referee for review of Commission work	4,950.00	30/09/09-07/05/10	Direct

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Prof Grafton & Dr Ward, Sustainable Environment Group Pty Ltd	Referee for review of Commission work	3,000.00	22/09/09-07/11/09	Direct
Prof Richard Krever, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,500.00	17/09/09-18/09/09	Direct
Prof S Richardson, National Institute of Labour Studies Inc	Referee for review of Commission work	1,200.00	27/02/08-30/05/08	Direct
Prof Timothy J Coelli, University of Qld	Referee for review of Commission work	4,950.00	30/09/09-04/05/10	Direct
Prof D Crawford, Deakin University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	06/02/10-08/02/10	Direct
Prof Jim Butler, Australian National University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	06/02/10-08/02/10	Direct
Dr Robert Breunig	Referee for review of Commission work	5,000.00	01/12/09-31/03/10	Direct
Prof Gordon Macaulay, BRI Research (Formerly BRI Aust P/L)	Referee for review of Commission work	7,200.00	22/09/2009-07/11/09	Direct
Prof David Ben-Tovim, Flinders University	Analysis of data Referee for review of Commission work	4,000.00	03/11/09-13/11/09	Direct
Assoc Prof Hillberry, University of Melbourne	Referee for review of Commission work	1,500.00	03/05/10-31/05/10	Direct
Key Heydon, London School of Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	1,000.00	21/05/10-31/05/10	Direct
Total		607,091.50		

2. The Commission is up to date with its 'Contracts awarded as Consultancy' reporting requirements on AusTender and the figures available are correct.
3. Currently there are no planned consultancies for the remainder of the calendar year.