

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2011-12
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: BI-53

- 1) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
- 2) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?
- 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, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

ANSWER

1) For *Financial Management and Accountability Act* (FMA) agencies (the Department; IP Australia; and the Australian Research Council), procurement contracts of \$10,000 or more, are required to be reported on AusTender within six weeks of the arrangement being entered into. For relevant *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies (CAC) Act* bodies (Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies; Australian Institute of Marine Science; Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation; and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation), contracts valued in excess of \$400,000 (\$9 million for construction) are required to be reported on AusTender within six weeks of the arrangement being entered into. The portfolio has complied with these reporting requirements.

Consultancies undertaken or underway this financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au.

In addition, details of consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more are reported in the Department's and Agencies' respective Annual Reports. Annual Reports for this financial year will be published on Department and Agency websites.

The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation - consultancy details are not provided in its Annual Report but were provided in response to Senate Estimates Questions SI-40 (October 2010), BI-73 (May 2010) and BI-103 (June 2009) regarding past consultancies. Consultancies undertaken or underway this financial year to date from 1 October 2010 to 31 May 2011 are outlined below.

The figures below do not include legal services. The approach to determining consultancy contracts from non-consultancy contracts was obtained from the Department of Finance and Administration's *Guidance on Procurement Publishing Obligations* (July 2007).

1 October 2010 - 31 May 2011

Consultant	Subject Matter	Order Date	Total Value of Contract (Incl. GST)	Method of Procurement
PLAUT IT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT	27/10/2010	297,135.00	Open Tender
PLAUT IT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT	7/3/11	86,625.00	Open Tender
PLAUT IT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	IT	2/5/11	14,108.00	Open Tender
SYNERCON MANAGEMENT CONSULTING P/L	IT	10/2/11	3,818.00	Direct Source
SKF BEARING SUPPLIES P/L	Engineering	18/3/11	51,148.00	Direct Source
SKF BEARING SUPPLIES P/L	Engineering	23/3/11	4,500.00	Direct Source
AUST NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE	Financial Auditing	24/11/10	100,210.00	Direct Source
KPMG	Professional Services	20/5/11	1,045.00	Direct Source
SEERPHARMA P/L	Technical Consultancy	27/5/11	5,775.00	Direct Source
GEN-I AUSTRALIA	IT	27/5/11	48,125.00	Direct Source
TOLL PROJECT SERVICES	Professional Services	18/4/11	24,750.00	Direct Source
OLDMEADOW CONSULTING	Professional Services	10/2/11	34,655.18	Direct Source
OLDMEADOW CONSULTING	Professional Services	19/4/11	5,940.00	Direct Source
DONINGTON GROUP PTY LTD	Professional Services	16/12/10	22,000.00	Direct Source
FIVE ISLANDS PTY LTD	IT	16/11/10	118,162.00	Direct Source
FIVE ISLANDS PTY LTD	IT	28/2/11	17,600.00	Direct Source
FIVE ISLANDS PTY LTD	IT	25/3/11	3,300.00	Direct Source
BOW-TIE CONSULTING PTY LTD	Engineering	11/4/11	2,860.00	Direct Source
THE ASSET PARTNERSHIP	Maintenance Improvement Programme	19/10/10	302,314.54	Direct Source
FUTURE RISK PTY LTD	Professional Services	15/10/10	1,836.45	Direct Source
ELIZABETH M FARRELLY URBAN CONSULTANT	Professional Services	4/5/11	2,145.00	Direct Source
HENDERSON LOGISTICS PTY LTD	Professional Services	31/5/11	704.00	Direct Source
ENRESA	Professional Services	12/12/10	14,051.00	Direct Source
BLACKWELL CONSULTING	Professional Services	22/2 & 14/4/11	13,200.00	Direct Source

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WATERFIELD CONSULTING PTY LTD	Professional Services	8/2/11	13,200.00	Direct Source
OLIVER WIGHT ASIA/PACIFIC	Professional Services	30/3/11	92,400.00	Direct Source
COLLIERS INTERNATIONAL	Professional Services	19/4/11	9,900.00	Direct Source
MPR ASSOCIATES INC.	Professional Services	12/4/11	385,000.00	Direct Source

2) All changes or corrections made to any tenders have been made and have been advertised on AusTender and address the requirements of *Financial Management Guidance No. 15*.

3) Planned strategic procurements for the Department and Agencies, including consultancies for the 2010-11 financial year are included in the relevant 2010-11 Annual Procurement Plan (APP). For relevant CAC Act bodies the requirement to publish an APP only applies to procurements over \$400,000. These are available at www.tenders.gov.au.