

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 2 November 2005**

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**QUESTION No.SBI-86**

**Senator Campbell** asked:

- (a) What consultancy or consultancies have been advertised and/or awarded in relation to accessible housing?
- (b) What payment has there been and/or has been agreed to for this consultancy or for each of the consultancies?
- (c) What was/ is the commencement date and termination/completion date for each consultancy and, where the consultancy was terminated, the reason for the termination?

**ANSWER**

- (a) Consultancy 1: The ABCB invited tender submissions on 27 February 2004 from members of a pre-qualified research panel to undertake accessible housing research. A contract was subsequently awarded on 12 May 2004 to Syneca Consulting.

Consultancy 2: In addition, the Victorian Building Commission and the ABCB jointly invited tender submissions on 25 November 2004 from members of a pre-qualified research panel and other nominated parties to undertake further accessible housing research. A contract was subsequently awarded by the Victorian Building Commission to the successful tenderer. Given that the ABCB is not a party to this contract, it would not be appropriate for the Department to disclose the name of the successful tenderer.

- (b) Consultancy 1: The contract amount for the first contract was \$85,745.00, of which \$15,969.80 was paid to the contractor.

Consultancy 2: The ABCB has agreed to pay half of the second contract amount to the Victorian Building Commission (VBC), although it is not a party to this contract. The nature of the ABCB's contribution is currently the matter of contractual discussion between the ABCB and the VBC. The ABCB has not made any payment to the VBC as at 29 November 2005.

- (c) Consultancy 1: This contract commenced on 12 May 2004 and was subsequently terminated having effect from 15 October 2004. The contract was terminated at the request of the contractor and with the ABCB's agreement.

Consultancy 2: All contractual matters are being managed by the Victorian Building Commission and the ABCB is not a party to this contract.