

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 148 – 152
Topic: Productivity Commission Consultancies
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Senator Bushby asked:

148. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11?
- a) 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).
 - b) Also include total value for all consultancies.
149. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes
150. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD?
- a) 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).
 - b) Also include total value for all consultancies.
151. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website?
- a) 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.
 - b) Are up to date with reporting requirements?
152. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
- a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not?
 - b) 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:

148. The Productivity Commission published information on consultancies undertaken in 2010-11 on pages 90 and 100-101 of its Annual Report for 2010-11. Information is also published on AusTender for consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more.
149. No.
150. Four consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this financial year (to 30 September 2011) involving expenditure of \$16,380. They are all below \$10,000 and therefore not published on AusTender.
151. The Productivity Commission does not have any current tenders on the AusTender website.
152. There are no significant consultancies planned for the remainder of this calendar year.