

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 251 - 255
Topic: ABS Consultancies
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Senator Bushby asked:

251. 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.
252. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes
253. 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.
254. 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?
255. 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:

251.

a) Appendix 3 Consultancy Services of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Annual Report 2010-11 (page 219) provides an analysis of consultancy services provided to the ABS in 2010-11. Additional information is available through AusTender (the Australian Government's procurement information system).

b) Appendix 3 Consultancy Services of the ABS Annual Report 2010-11 (page 219) provides an analysis of consultancy services provided to the ABS in 2010-11. Additional information is available through AusTender (the Australian Government's procurement information system).

252. No tenders were changed during 2010-11. Where addenda were issued in relation to a tender, those addenda were issued to provide additional clarity in relation to the requirement, or in response to questions posed by potential respondents.

253. Twelve consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD.

a) Details of the consultancies that have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD are provided in the table at Attachment A.

b) Details of the consultancies that have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD are provided in the table at Attachment A.

254. Yes, the ABS stands by its current tenders on the AusTender website.

a).No changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year. Where addenda were issued in relation to a tender, those addenda were issued to provide additional clarity in relation to the requirement, or in response to questions posed by potential respondents.

b) Yes, the ABS is up to date with the reporting requirements.

255. There are no plans for consultancies services to be delivered in this calendar year, other than those currently underway and as identified at Attachment A.

a) There are no plans for consultancies services to be delivered in this calendar year, other than those currently underway and as identified at Attachment A.

b.) Details of the consultancies that have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD are provided in the table at Attachment A.

Attachment A - Consultancy Services undertaken or underway this FYTD

VENDOR_NAME	Total	DESCRIPTION	From	To	Procurement Method
CPT GLOBAL	\$51,657.59	IT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED FOR PERIOD 23/05/2011 TO 30/06/2011	26-May-11	30-Jun-11	Direct Source
FIANIAN PTY LTD	\$24,880.00	FACILITATION CONTENT DEVELOPMENT	26-Jul-11	31-Aug-11	Direct Source
KEITH BLACKBURN STATISTICAL CONSULTANT	\$6,496.00	CONSULTANCY ADVICE ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR PACIFIC ICP	16-May-11	31-Dec-11	Direct Source
MAX SHANAHAN & ASSOCIATES	\$4,800.00	PREPARATION FOR AND ATTENDANCE AT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 27-JUL-2011	01-Jul-09	30-Jun-12	Direct Source
MICHAEL COLLEDGE STATISTICAL CONSULTING PTY LTD	\$3,000.00	GENERIC STATISTICAL INFORMATION MODEL (GSIM)	21-Feb-11	31-Dec-11	Direct Source
MULTICALL PTY LTD	\$430,084.06	CENSUS 2011 COMMUNICATION/ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN	04-Jan-11	03-Jan-12	Select Tender
OAKTON SERVICES PTY LTD	\$8,250.00	REVIEW OF THE TA CHARGE OUT RATE FOR 2010-11	18-Oct-10	30-Nov-10	Direct Source
OAKTON SERVICES PTY LTD	\$11,360.80	CUSTOM T & M INVOICE FEE	01-Jun-11	31-Jul-11	Direct Source

OAKTON SERVICES PTY LTD	\$5,775.00	SSP DEVELOPEMENT - PROJECT COSTS 1-JUN-2011 TO 23-JUN-2011	07-May-10	30-Jun-11	Direct Source
OAKTON SERVICES PTY LTD	\$176,703.84	AUDIT CONSULTANCY FEES - INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES	13-Sep-10	12-Sep-12	Direct Source
SIGMA MANAGEMENT SCIENCE P/L	\$13,200.00	IMTP PROJECT ASSURANCE & QUALITY ADVISORY SERVICES	01-Jul-10	30-Jun-11	Direct Source
WARATAH SPRINGS PTY LTD	\$539.00	CLINICAL/ETHICAL ADVICE FOR THE AUSTRALIAN HEALTH SURVEY	01-Sep-11	30-Jun-12	Direct Source
Total	\$736,746.29				