

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: SBT 44

Topic: Consultancies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bushby asked:

How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.

Answer:

For 2010-11, the ATO (including the Australian Valuation Office, Tax Practitioners Board and Australian Business Register) entered into 144 new consultancy arrangements valued at \$12,988,883. In addition, a further \$1,803,401 of expenditure was incurred against 65 ongoing consultancy arrangements initially entered into in prior years.

For the purposes of this response, consultancies are classified in accordance with Financial Management Guidance (FMG) No.15.

Details for each new consultancy entered into during 2010-11 are set out in Attachment A. The active ongoing consultancies entered into during 2009-10, see Attachment B.

The details provided are for arrangements greater than \$10,000, which are required to be gazetted on AusTender and are consistent with information published in the *Commissioner of Taxation Annual report 2010-11*.