

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 454 - 458
Topic: ACCC Consultancies
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Senator Bushby asked:

454. 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.
455. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes
456. 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.
457. 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?
458. 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:

454. Details of ACCC consultancies are published on the ACCC website. This information is mirrored on the AusTender website and appears each year in the ACCC Annual Report. The ACCC also provides information through the Senate Order on consultancies and contracts.
455. ACCC tender information, including any amendments to tenders, are published on the AusTender website.
456. Refer to SBT 454.
457. Yes. The ACCC is up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website.
458. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies at any given time. Accordingly it is not possible to ensure all consultancies are published on the Annual Procurement Plan at the commencement of each financial year. The majority of ACCC consultancies are engaged via two ACCC Standing Offer Panels that have been publicly tendered.