

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 732 - 736

Topic: Consultancies

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Senator Bushy asked:

732. 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.

733. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes

734. 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.

735. 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?

736. 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:

732. Please refer to Treasury's Annual Report 2010-11, page 137.
733. Yes, refer www.tenders.gov.au.
734. There are 99 consultancies being undertaken or underway in the financial year to 31 October 2011.
- (a) refer to Attachment A for consultancies greater than \$10,000; and
 - (b) the total amount spent from 1 July to 31 October 2011 was \$2,848,535.
735. There are no tenders currently open on Austender.
- (a) not applicable.
 - (b) reporting requirements are up to date.
736. The Treasury has a number of panel arrangements in place for accessing consultancy services. These panels are usually for a period of three years with an option to extend and are advertised on an as required basis. There are no tenders for consultancies published on the Annual Procurement Plan for this financial year.

Whilst Treasury publishes and updates the Annual Procurement Plan with known procurements, occasionally due to short time-frames it will not be updated. In these instances Treasury approaches the market directly, as there would be no benefit in updating the Annual Procurement Plan.