

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All

Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E993_04 – Interim response

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Which contractors and consultants have been engaged for the first time by DEST on or after 26 November 2001?

For what projects have these contractors or consultants been engaged?

What has been the cost of each of these contracts?

Answer:

Contractors and consultants

Before the introduction of BUYiT on 1 March 2004, information in regard to these contracts was not kept in an aggregated format. Extensive manual data retrieval and collation will be required in order to respond and a final response will not be able to be provided for several weeks.

All procurement contracts along with the requested data, will be retrievable via BUYiT where contract start dates fall on and beyond 1 March 2004.

It should be noted however, that information in regard to DEST contractors and consultants let since 26 November 2001 is contained in part in the following external reports:

- QoN E416 – DEST Consultancies Active from 1 January 2001 to 31 May 2002;
- QoN E417 - Active contracts for Advertising, Market research and polling, Media Advertising and Direct mail organisations 1 January 2001 to 30 June 2002 (including payments for 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002);
- QoN E001_03 – Table 1 DEST Active Consultancies 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;
- QoN E001_03 – Table 2 DEST Payments to Advertising, Market research and polling, Media Advertising and Direct mail organisations 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;
- QoN E114_04 – DEST Active Consultancies 1 July 2002 – 30 June 2003;
- QoN E109_04 – DEST Payments to Advertising, Market research and polling, Media Advertising and Direct mail organisations 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003;
- DEST Annual Report 2001 – 2002 Appendices 4 & 7;
- DEST Annual Report 2002 – 2003 Appendices 3 & 5;

- Murray Order - 2000-2001 active contracts valued at \$100,000 plus;
- Murray Order – 2001 active contracts valued at \$100,000 plus;
- Murray Order - DEST active contracts from 1 July 2001 to 31 August 2002 valued at \$100,000 plus;
- Murray Order - DEST active contracts from 3 February 2002 to 3 February 2003 valued at \$100,000 plus;
- Murray Order - DEST active contracts for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 valued at \$100,000 plus;
- Murray Order - DEST active contracts for the period 1 January 2003 to 31 December 2003 valued at \$100,000 plus;
- In addition, all DEST procurement contracts are gazetted as contracts arranged within six weeks of signing in the e-Purchasing & Disposal Gazette – www.contracts.gov.au