

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E548_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No. E991_04.

Question:

I would like to get an update on the information on the table of consultancies, including contracts of service as has been provided in the previous year particularly, of any contracts let since June 1999 and the details of any ministerial involvement, the letting of any contracts, service agreements, media polling or advertising contracts including:

- the date the tender was let;
- the completion date;
- details of the reports to be published;
- the date of availability of the reports to the committee – standard procedure;
- the expenditure of contract values throughout the last year;
- have there been any previous DETYA staff involved in any successful tender or project;
- where an exemption has been applied, why the authorising officer sought the exemption; and
- what market intelligence was applied to the specific contract in determining why the exemption should apply?

Answer:

Active Consultancy Contracts 1 January 2004 to 16 February 2005

We have limited the request to consultancies, in line with clarifications made by you during the 5 June 2002 Senate Estimates Hearing, (EWRE Hansard page 260) "...I will be asking you the same series of questions that I have asked you every year since 1996." ... "I formally notify you now that I am asking you again for this information to be updated for the period which we have not had a report on and, of course, I am formally asking you that all the reports that have arisen from these consultancies be provided..."

Data for the period June 1999 to December 2003 has been provided to the Committee in response to the questions listed below:

E57	1.7.99 – 30.6.00
E46 & 56	1.7.00 – 30.6.01
E111	1.7.02 – 10.6.03
E991	1.7.03 – 31.12.03

Attachment A lists the information for consultancies active for the period 1 January 2004 to 16 February 2005.

Where available, DEST has provided two copies of reports for contracts valued over \$100,000.