

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No. EW0919_12

Senator Back provided in writing.

Question

Consultancies

"How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10? How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? 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

DEEWR has provided the following response:

During 2007-08, DEEWR undertook 188 new consultancies.

During 2008-09, DEEWR undertook 202 new consultancies.

During 2009-10, DEEWR undertook 169 new consultancies.

DEEWR has undertaken 115 new consultancies this financial-year-to-date. The total value of these consultancies is \$20,113,644. Details of all of these consultancies are provided at Attachment A.

DEEWR plans to undertake four (4) open approaches to market for consultancies during the first half of this calendar year. These are included in the DEEWR 2011-12 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) published on AusTender. Details of these consultancies are provided at Attachment B.

DEEWR will publish an APP covering the period 2012-13 financial year by 1 July 2012, as per the requirements of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.