

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All

Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E295_06

Senator Carr asked on 1 June 2005, EWRE Hansard pages 27 and 28.

Question:

1. How much money has been paid to Melbourne University Private since 2002?
2. Have all of those [that is those discussed at the hearing] contracts been listed in the annual reports?
3. Who are the lead researchers or coordinators for each of the consultancies that Melbourne University Private ran with the department in 2003-04?
4. Do you have any ongoing arrangements with Melbourne University Private at the moment?
5. Is Professor Cuttance on the staff at Melbourne University Private?
6. Has Melbourne University Private concluded all its contracts?
7. Who is the lead academic on the \$50,000 contract for a regulatory framework for private higher education institutions in the United Arab Emirates and Iran?
8. Is it your experience that Melbourne University public, the official university, and Melbourne University Private compete for projects?

Answer:

Melbourne University Private

1. Please refer to Attachment A for details.
2. All consultancy contracts with Melbourne University Private have been included Department's Annual Report with the exception of PRN6589/75410 (which will appear in the 2004/2005 Annual Report) and PRN1953/1619 (which was a services contract and, accordingly, doesn't appear in the Annual Report). Please refer to Attachment A for details.
3. Please refer to Attachment A for details.
4. Yes, the Department currently (as at 1 Jun 05) has two active contracts with Melbourne University Private. Please refer to Attachment A for details.
5. According to Kerry Pitcher, Human Resources Manager at Melbourne University Private, Professor Peter Cuttance is currently not, and hasn't been previously, an employee of Melbourne University Private.
6. No, the Department currently (as at 1 Jun 05) has two active contracts with Melbourne University Private. Please refer to Attachment A for details.

7. The lead academic on the \$50,000 contract for a regulatory framework for private higher education institutions in the United Arab Emirates and Iran is Dr Vincent Massaro.
8. According to information captured by the Department's Procurement Management Systems, there have been no instances where Melbourne University Public and Melbourne University Private competed for the same procurement projects.

Attachment A

Active Contracts with Melbourne University Private

Contract Number	Vendor	Contract Title	Group	Total Contract Value	Expenditure up until 1 Jun 2005	Start Date	End Date	Was this contract in the annual report?	Who are the lead researchers for contracts active in the 2003-2004 FY?
PRN6589/75410	Melbourne University Private	Regulatory Framework for Private Higher Education Institutions in the UAE & Iran	AEI	\$50,000.00	\$25,000.00	22-Oct-04	30-Jun-05	This contract will appear in the 2004-2005 Annual Report	N/a
PRN5488/75186	Melbourne University Private	Boys Education Lighthouse Schools Project: Stage Two	Schools Group	\$1,139,512.00	\$900,000.00	23-Apr-04	30-Jun-06	This contract was listed in the 2003-2004 Annual Report	Professor Peter Cuttance

Non-Active Contracts with Melbourne University Private

Contract Number	Vendor	Contract Title	Group	Total Contract Value	Expenditure	Start Date	End Date	Was this contract in the annual report	Who are the lead researchers for contracts active in the 2003-2004 FY
PRN5678/75215	Melbourne University Private	The 2004 National Quality Schooling Framework (NQS)	Schools Group	\$416,284.00	\$416,284.00	04-Jun-04	31-Dec-04	This contract was listed in the 2003-2004 Annual Report	Professor Peter Cuttance
PRN01953/1619	Melbourne University Private	National Coordination of Numeracy Research Projects	Schools Group	\$448,593.00	\$448,593.00	04-Oct-01	31-Jan-04	N/a - services contracts are not required to be included in the Department's Annual Report	Professor Kaye Stacey
PRN02974/2792	Melbourne University Private	Development of Schooling Issues Digest No.6 Student Motivation and Engagement	Strategic, Analysis and Evaluation Group	\$27,097.00	\$27,096.75	17-Dec-03	14-Apr-04	This contract was listed in the 2003-2004 Annual Report	Dr Erica Frydenberg