

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 8

DEEWR Question Nos. EW004_09 and EW359-09

Senators Watson and Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Senator Watson - How many pieces of research did the department commission on the labour market in the past 24 months and what topics were these on? Who wrote each piece of commissioned research and how much were they paid?

Senator Abetz - How many pieces of research did the department commission on the labour market since 1 January 2008 and what topics were these on? Who wrote each piece of commissioned research and how much were they paid?

Answer

Each commonwealth agency, as part of its annual reporting requirements, must provide information about new contracts with consultants and consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more entered into during the financial year. Information includes the consultant's name, a description of services, contract price, the selection process and justification.

The Department of Education, Science and Training Annual Report, Part 4 – Appendices, Pages 299 to 319 provides information on all new commissioned consultancies over \$10,000 in 2006-2007. The link to this report is:

http://www.dest.gov.au/portfolio_department/dest_information/publications_resources/profiles/dest_annual_report_2006_2007.htm

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Annual Report, Part 5 – Appendixes, Pages 321 to 327 provides information on all new commissioned consultancies over \$10,000 in 2006-2007. The link to this report is:

<http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/AnnualReports/2006-07>

An update of this information for the 2007-08 financial year will be included in the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations forthcoming Annual Report.