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

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.**EW0011_12

**Senator Abetz provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Consultancies**

How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.

Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the AusTenders website?  Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?

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**

Details of DEEWR's consultancies valued at $10,000 and over are available on the AusTender website. Details for consultancies engaged by DEEWR under $10,000 are at Attachment A. Please note that legal advising activities under $10,000have been combined due to their large volume.

Details of allconsultancies (regardless of value)engaged by DEEWR'sportfolio agenciesare at Attachment B.

The DEEWR business opportunities on the AusTender website are current. Addendums and clarifications are made in line with the requirements of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines (CPGs).The Department complies with the reporting requirements of the CPGs.

Details of any new procurement opportunities are published in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTenderwebsite on 1 July each year.These are regularly updated by DEEWR and its portfolio agencieswhere required.

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