

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

Question Number: W564-07

Senator Wong asked in writing:

For each of the following current consultancy contracts by DEWR (a) Media Monitors Australia – Electronic Press Clips (b) Jackson Wells Morris Pty Ltd – Issues Management Strategy for WR reform (c) Dewey & Horton – Advertising for WorkChoices (d) Colmar Brunton Social Research – Research for the WR Reform Communication (e) Australian Industry Group – Establishment of the OHS Advisers Program, can DEWR please provide the following: (1) The reasons for undertaking the consultancy (2) What tender process did DEWR go through to appoint the contractor (3) Any information produced by the consultancy, such as reports and research (4) If there are confidentiality clauses, what are the reasons for this?

Answer:

Consultant	Reason for consultancy	Tender process	Reports/research produced	Confidentiality clauses
Media Monitors Australia	To supply press clippings and transcript services to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) and some of its agencies, Senate committees and Ministers' offices.	DEWR undertook a full tender process, announced through AusTender in August 2005 (RFT 2005/30) for media monitoring services. The result of this tender process is still 'Commercial-in-Confidence' and the contract is to be executed shortly. Media Monitors currently has a rolling monthly contract from past agreements.	There is no reporting or research required.	The identification of, and reasons for, the confidentiality clauses in the contract are set out in DEWR's response to the Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contract Listing relating to the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 which can be accessed at http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/Contract+Listing
Jackson Wells Morris Pty Ltd	The necessary skills were currently unavailable within DEWR.	No tender process was undertaken. DEWR followed established protocols for the selection of consultants working on Government communications campaigns and had regard to the <i>Australian Government Procurement Guidelines</i> .	Details of any research will not be released while a third phase of the WorkChoices education and communications activity is underway because it is informing the campaign.	The identification of, and reasons for, the confidentiality clauses in the contract are set out in DEWR's response to the Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contract Listing relating to the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 which can be accessed at http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/Contract+Listing

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Dewey & Horton	The need for specialised or professional skills.	DEWR used the established Ministerial Committee on Government Communications panel arrangements for the selection of consultants working on Government communications campaigns and had regard to the <i>Australian Government Procurement Guidelines</i> .	Details of any research will not be released while a third phase of the WorkChoices education and communications activity is underway because it is informing the campaign.	The identification of, and reasons for, the confidentiality clauses in the contract are set out in DEWR's response to the Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contract Listing relating to the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 which can be accessed at: http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/Contract+Listing
Colmar Brunton Social Research	The need for independent research or assessment.	DEWR used the established Ministerial Committee on Government Communications panel arrangements for the selection of consultants working on Government communications campaigns and had regard to the <i>Australian Government Procurement Guidelines</i> .	Details of any research will not be released while a third phase of the WorkChoices education and communications activity is underway because it is informing the campaign.	The identification of, and reasons for, the confidentiality clauses in the contract are set out in DEWR's response to the Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contract Listing relating to the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 which can be accessed at: http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/Contract+Listing
Australian Industry Group	Establishment of the OHS Advisers Program . As part of the "Flexibility and Productivity in the Workplace: The Key to Jobs" statement, the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP announced the	DEWR undertook a full tender process, announced through AusTender in April 2005 (RFT 2005/14) for establishing the OHS Advisers Program.	The contract with the Australian Industry Group was signed in September 2005. Milestone progress reports were produced by the Ai Group in February and September 2006 and a final report is due in June 2007.	The identification of, and reasons for, the confidentiality clauses in the contract are set out in DEWR's response to the Senate Order for Departmental and Agency Contract Listing relating to the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 which can be accessed at: http://www.dewr.gov.au/dewr/Publications/Contract+Listing

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Australian Industry Group (cont.)	establishment of a network of small business OHS advisers to assist small business to comply with the OHS laws and standards operating in each state and territory. The small business OHS advisers will provide both educative and advisory services and will operate nationally across all industry sectors and in urban, rural and regional areas.			