

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Australian Electoral Commission**

Estimates 2004-05 – Additional written questions February 2005

**Question: F34**

**Outcome: Australian Electoral Commission**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Written Question on Notice: 21 February 2005**

**Senator Carr asked:**

Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the department and all associated agencies within the portfolio. Please include the following:

- The costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual;
- The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year;
- The total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year;
- The nature and purpose of the consultancy;
- The method by which the contract was let;
- The name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract.

**Answer:**

The following table details the consultancies let during the 2004-2004 financial year with ongoing payments made against those contracts in the 2004-05 financial year:

| NAME OF CONSULTANT CONTRACTED IN 2003-04 | STATUS    | BUDGETED PRICE OF CONTRACT | AMOUNT PAID IN 2003-04 | AMOUNT PAID IN 2004-05 | NATURE/PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTANCY  | METHOD BY WHICH CONTRACT LET | CARRIED OUT BY |
|--|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|
| Haystac Public Affairs                   | Completed | \$350,000                  | \$102,998              | \$201,319              | Provision of Public Relations Campaign for the 2004 Election Federal Elections | Open tender                  | Company        |
| Value Creation Group (VCG) Pty Ltd       | Completed | \$108,350                  | \$61,976               | \$14,520               | Development of the AEC Strategic Plan 2004-2006                                | Restricted tender            | Company        |
| Nonggorr &                               | Completed | \$16,553                   | Nil                    | \$16,553               | Recommend  | Restricted                   | Company        |

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|---|-----------|---|---|---|---|------------------------------|----------------|
| Associates Lawyers, Papua New Guinea      |           |   |   |   | Legislative Improvements To Papua New Guinea's National & Local Level Government Elections                  | tender                       |                |
| Cultural Perspective Pty Ltd              | Completed | \$55,000  | Nil   | \$49,558  | NESB Public Relations Sub-Strategy for the 2004 Federal Election  | Restricted tender            | Company        |
| Pat Faget Pty Ltd. Consulting             | On-Going  | \$12,000  | \$10,687  | \$19,167  | Provide Professional Advice On Freedom of Information Requests  | Restricted tender            | Pat Faget      |
| Mercer Human Resources Consulting Pty Ltd | Completed | \$66,814  | \$63,255  | \$10,187  | Assist To Undertake a Review of Job Descriptions in Divisional Offices and Conduct a Risk Management Survey | Restricted tender            | Company        |
| Dascem Holdings Pty Ltd                   | On-Going  | \$9,900   | \$8,840   | Nil   | Development of an Environmental Management System   | Restricted tender            | Company        |
| Resolution Consulting Services            | Completed | \$9,900   | \$968   | \$1,670   | Advice and Development on the AEC Strategic Plan  | Restricted tender            | Bob Holbert    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              |           | <b>Complete</b><br>\$606,617<br><b>On-going</b><br>\$21,900 | <b>Complete</b><br>\$229,197<br><b>On-going</b><br>\$19,527 | <b>Complete</b><br>\$293,807<br><b>On-going</b><br>\$19,167 |   |                              |                |