

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Finance and Administration Portfolio

Commonwealth Grants Commission

Estimates 2004-05 –Additional written questions February 2005

Question: F37

Outcome: Commonwealth Grants Commission

Topic: General

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.

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Answer: Costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual. 2003-2004 (GST Exclusive).

Nature and Purpose	Method by which contract was let	Name and Details	Amount
Provision of data and on site services	Memorandum of Understanding-sole supplier	ABS Canberra	\$48 800
Provision of remoteness index	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	National Centre for Social Application of Geographic Information Systems	\$40 320
Quality Assurance. Verify CGC methodologies.	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Walter Turnbull	\$28 076
Land Valuation	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Australian Valuation Office	\$12 750
Expertise and data for natural disaster ratings.	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Macquarie University	\$14 091
Editorial Services	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Comprehensive Editorial Services	\$2 000
Business Case expertise for a pricing review	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Resolution Consulting Services	\$5 500
Verification of methodology for historical factors of superannuation	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Australian Government Actuary	\$10 551
Roads data and methodologies	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	ARRB Transport Research	\$4 200
Review of advice provided by Australian Govt Actuary	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	DA & JM Service	\$6 637
Provision of 'Stress Awareness' Seminar/Training	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Pivotal	\$4 500
Expertise in reviewing process of Performance Assessment for APS Employee	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Quality Management Solutions	\$7 560

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Provision of IT support/advice	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Dimension Data	\$11 200
Other	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Various	\$3 847
TOTAL			\$200 032

Answer: The costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year.

2004-2005 (GST Exclusive).

Nature and Purpose	Method by which contract was let	Name and Details	Amount
Business Case expertise for a pricing review	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	***Resolution Consulting Services	\$59 327
Executive Search Group to assist in SES 3 recruiting	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Cordiner King	\$47 600
Review of IT and Corporate Services	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	PALM Consulting	\$10 850
Expertise and assistance for CGC Certified Agreement	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Heaney Blaylock and Associates	\$2 187
Office wide rental survey data	Common Use Purchasing Arrangements-quotations.	Australian Valuation Office	\$5 455
Other			\$170
TOTAL			\$125 655

*** The costs for the ongoing consultancy from 2003-2004 was for Resolution Consulting. All other consultancies completed.

There are currently no running consultancies.

The Commission has only included consultancies over \$2000. Other amounts were considered non material.