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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Answer to Question on Notice (PM 24)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Commonwealth Ombudsman

Estimates 2004-05 – Additional Estimates, February 2005

Question on Notice from Senator Carr:

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: See attached.

Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Response for Senator Kim Carr - PM24 Question on Consultancies for 2003/04 Financial Year

Name of Consultancy	Nature and Purpose	Method	Contract Price Excl GST	Status Completed / Ongoing	Budgeted Costs 2003/2004 Incl GST	Actual Costs 2003/2004 Incl GST	Budgeted Costs 2004/2005 Incl GST	Actual Costs 2004/2005 Incl GST
AC Nielsen Research Pty Ltd 11 Talavera Road Macquarie Park NSW 2113	Provision of two Customer Satisfaction Surveys by Telephone Interviews	Requested quotation from select suppliers with relevant expertise	\$ 61,600	Completed	\$ 61,600	\$ 60,830		NA
Name of Consultant: Mr Bob White Dialog Information Technology Fecca House Unit 7, Level 1 4 Phipps Place Deakin ACT 2600	Provision of Information Technology Consultancy Services	Market Evaluation of Information Management and product specific support availability	\$ 20,000	Ongoing	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,207	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,446
Name of Consultant: Mr Scott Hunt Dr Ian Freckleton C/o Barristers' Clerk Howells Owen Dixon Chambers 205 William Street Melbourne Vic 3000	Provision of Consultancy Services relating to a project on unusually persistent complainants	Direct source (based on expertise)	\$ 30,000	Completed	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000		NA
Name of Consultant: Dr Ian Freckleton Harvey Risk Management Pty Ltd 282 Rouse Street Port Melbourne Vic 3207	Provision of Consultancy Services relating to an Occupational Health and Safety Risk Assessment	Direct Source	\$ 7,965	Completed	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,735		NA
Name of Consultant: Mr Steven Harvey HBA Consulting PO Box 3629 Manuka ACT 2603	Provision of Work Level Standards and Broadbanding Review Consultancy Services	Select RFQ	\$ 20,000	Ongoing	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,209	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,386
Name of Consultant: Mr Frank O'Donnell Pat Fagot Consulting Pty Ltd PO Box 93 Eringdale ACT 2903	Provision of Consultancy Services relating to investigation of decisions under the Freedom of Information Act 1982	Direct source (based on expertise)	\$ 30,000	Ongoing	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,474	\$ 1,000	\$ 990
Name of Consultant: Ms Pat Fagot Robert Tomkins 8 Rubbo Crescent Weston ACT 2611	Provision of Tax Consultancy Services	Direct source (based on expertise)	\$ 48,600	Completed	\$ 48,600	\$ 48,317		NA
Name of Consultant: Mr Robert Tomkins Quality Management Services Group Ltd Level 2, Woden Transport Building Dundas Court Phillip ACT 2606	Provision of management consultancy services to the Law Enforcement Team	Select RFQ	\$ 19,550	Completed	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,445		NA
Name of Consultant: Ms Gemma Tolman Walter Turnbull 44 Sydney Avenue Barton ACT 2600	Provision of Internal Audit Services and Fraud Control and Awareness Training	Select RFQ	\$ 30,000	Ongoing	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,148	\$ 18,150	\$ 18,150
Name of Consultant: Mr Bruce McMurtie								
Total			\$267,715		\$265,310	\$260,415	\$20,350	\$26,972