

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Additional Estimates 2004-05, February 2005

Question: PM25

Outcome IGIS

Topic: Consultancies

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Senator Car 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 number of consultancies engaged in 2003-2004 was three at a total cost of \$50,200 (GST inclusive). All the consultancies were gazetted in the Gazette Publishing System. A breakdown of the consultancies is as follows:

R.N. McLeod \$13,200, Dr R J Barry 11,700 and Nexis Accountants \$25,300. Details of all consultancies are publicly available. Our Annual Report also listed \$50,200 for consultancies. The selection method used for all consultancies was direct engagement, the justification in two cases being special skills not available in the office and in the other case the special skills were available within the office but because of other staff priorities a consultant was engaged.

The office is ready; of course, to provide further information should it be required.