

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Consultancies

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- a) **How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.**

Answer:

Since November 2007 the Department has entered into 47 consultancies with a total contract value of \$2,992,229. Details of each consultancy with a contract valued at more than \$10,000 are published in the department's annual report and can also be found on AusTender (the Government's tender and procurement reporting system) at www.tenders.gov.au. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the department to provide details of all consultancies valued at less than \$10,000.

- b) **How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.**

Answer:

The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) includes any upcoming consultancies that have been identified as part of the business planning process. The current APP includes one upcoming consultancy for the provision of Protective and Information Security Advisory Services. An open approach to the market is planned for this procurement. The duration and cost of the consultancy and the name of the consultant remain unknown until the completion of the procurement process.