

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Topic: Consultancies**

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- a) How much, and for what, has the Department spent on external consultancies since November 2007?**

**Answer:**

The department has entered into external consultancy contracts to the value of \$2,992,229 since November 2007. 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](http://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) For external consultancies currently being undertaken, what is the cost and project description of each?**

**Answer:**

Details of external consultancies currently being undertaken valued at more than \$10,000 are available on AusTender (the Government's tender and procurement reporting system) at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://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.