

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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The AFR reported on 27/10/09 that 'As one well-placed Labor source says about a leading consulting company's recent multi-million dollar handiwork: 'Frankly, the work was superficial.' A former senior bureaucrat believes 'there is a danger that consultants work to a template, that they impose a framework regardless of the individual department's requirements.

- a) **How many former Boston Consulting Group employees have worked, or are now working in PM&C?**
- b) **How many former McKinsey consultants have worked, or are now working in PM&C?**
- c) **Has the Secretary of the PM&C received advice/direction in relation to a consulting tender from the Prime Minister?**

Answer:

a & b) Since December 2007, 16 people have worked for or continue to work for PM&C who have previously either worked for Boston Consulting Group or McKinsey and Co. (10 from Boston Consulting Group and six from McKinsey and Co.).

Twelve have worked on a non-ongoing basis - seven under the department's industry / internship secondment program and five seconded to work on specific PM&C projects; one took leave from PM&C to work for Boston Consulting and has since returned to PM&C in an ongoing position; and three were selected on merit to fill ongoing public service positions.

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c) No