

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

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Type of question: Written

Question

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.
- 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

- a) The Parliamentary Budget Office used legal consultancies during the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013. The total value of the consultancies is \$37,601.01.

Name of Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Duration of the consultancy	Cost of the arrangement	Procurement Method
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$2,440.00	Direct
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$7,203.80	Direct
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$13,444.59	Direct
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$512.62	Direct
Saltbush Consulting Pty Limited	Provision of IT design	9 months	\$14,000.00	Direct

- b) There may be the requirement for further consultancies but none are currently planned.