

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

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office  
**Topic:** Contractors

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan  
**Question reference number:** 75  
**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

**For this financial year to date:**

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
- j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

## **Answer**

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has not employed the services of any of the listed companies. It has, however, utilised the services of the following firms:

- Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd for the provision of a temporary receptionist for two months at a cost, to 31 January 2013, of \$17,082.97.
- Analytics Group for the preparation of the PBO's financial governance framework at a cost, to 31 January 2013, of \$31,050.00.