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Ms Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms McDonald

As you will be aware, my office submitted a response to question PM 69 from Budget Estimates 2010-11 on 19 July 2010.

Unfortunately, the response contained a number of errors and a corrected response is attached. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated to have the corrected version accepted by the Committee and published on your website.

My point of contact for this matter is Ms Sharon Dean who may be contacted on telephone 02 6271 5024.

Yours sincerely



Dr Vivienne Thom
Inspector-General

18 August 2010

Senate Question on Notice PM69 – All Departments and Agencies – Senator Barnett

Senator Barnett asked:

- (1) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007?

Note: Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.

- (2) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?
- (3) 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?

Note: In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known. All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.

Response:

- (1) The following table details consultancies undertaken for the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security since November 2007 to a total value of \$402,074.73 (GST exclusive), comprising:
- (a) \$ 140,903.53 (GST exclusive) in the period November 2007 to 30 June 2008
 - (b) \$ 90,442.91 (GST exclusive) in financial year 2008-09, and
 - (c) \$ 170,728.29 (GST exclusive) in financial year 2009-10.

Name of Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Duration of Contract	Cost of Contract (GST exclusive)	Method	Comments	Date advertised on AusTender	Amount advertised on AusTender (GST inclusive)
Attorney-General's Department	Protective security services	15 Jun 09	\$ 8,054.54	Direct Source		N/A	N/A
Australian Customs Service	Specialist IT assistance in connection with an inquiry	7 Sep 09 - 19 Feb 10	\$ 24,062.50	Direct Source		below threshold	below threshold
Australian Government Solicitor	Specialist advice in connection with an inquiry	25 Jan 08 - 14 Oct 08	\$ 112,888.53	Direct Source	\$93,263.03 in 2007-08; \$19,625.50 in 2008-09	30 Sep 09	\$ 26,468.75
Australian Government Solicitor	General legal services	3 Mar 08 - 3 Jun 08	\$ 7,565.50	Direct Source		N/A	N/A
Australian Government Solicitor	General legal services	10 Jul 08 - 19 May 09 ¹	\$ 10,640.00	Direct Source		below threshold	below threshold
Australian Government Solicitor	General legal services	13 Jul 09 - 8 May 10	\$3,151.50	Direct Source		N/A	N/A
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice on the interpretation of legislation	16 Nov 09 - 24 Feb 10	\$18,260.00	Direct Source	Not advertised due an administrative error	N/A	N/A
Australian Government Solicitor	Development and delivery of a tailored legislation training program	3 Mar 10 - 30 Jun 10	\$ 50,909.09	Direct Source		9 Mar 10	\$ 56,000.00
Blake Dawson	General legal services	7 May 09 - 4 Nov 09	\$19,766.65	Direct Source	\$14,128.75 in 2008-09; \$5,637.90 in 2009-10. Not advertised due an administrative error	N/A	N/A
Blick, Mr W.J.	Specialist operational audits and inspection services	29 Oct 07 - 30 Jun 08	\$ 24,525.00	Direct Source	Includes \$2,565.00 superannuation	29 Oct 07	\$ 79,000.00

¹ Duration of contract published on Austender was 8 Aug 09 - 1 Sep 09

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Blick, Mr W.J.	Specialist operational audits and inspection services	26 Aug 08 - 24 Dec 08	\$ 25,669.50	Direct Source	Includes \$2,119.50 superannuation	26 Aug 08	\$ 20,000.00
Blick, Mr W.J.	Specialist operational audits and inspection services	12 Nov 09 – 5 Mar 10	\$ 6,750.00	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Blunn, Mr A.S.	Specialist operational audits and inspection services	20 Feb 09	\$ 681.82	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Conference Solutions	Co-ordinator for the International Intelligence Review Agencies Conference (IIRAC)	4 Jun 09 - 17 Apr 10	\$ 22,353.55	Direct Source	All expenditure in 2009-10	17 Jun 09	\$ 20,000.00
OPC IT Pty Ltd	Redesign of an on-line complaint form for the OIGIS web site.	16 Nov 09 – 30 Apr 10	\$ 2,903.75	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Robert Brennan and Associates	Facilitator for an office planning and teambuilding workshop	15 Oct 08 – 16 Feb 09	\$ 3,142.80	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Robert Brennan and Associates	Facilitator for staff feedback to management	4 May 09 – 16 Jun 09	\$ 3,150.00	Direct Source	\$3,000 in 2008-09; \$150 in 2009-10	N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Solved at McConchie Pty Ltd	Archives and records management consultancy	30 Oct 09 - 30 Jun 10	\$ 34,800.00	Direct Source		2 Nov 09	\$ 50,000.00
SPACElift DC	Office fit out consultancy	13 May 10 - 14 June 10	\$ 1,200.00	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Workplace Research	Specialist advice and assistance in connection with an inquiry	31 Aug 07 - 21 Jan 08	\$ 15,550.00	Direct Source		6 Feb 08	\$ 17,105.00
Workplace Research	Specialist advice and assistance in connection with an inquiry	2 Oct 08 – 24 Nov 08	\$ 5,500.00	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
Workplace Research	Specialist advice and assistance in connection with an inquiry	13 Aug 09 – 26 Aug 09	\$ 550.00	Direct Source		N/A below threshold	N/A below threshold
		TOTAL	\$402,074.73				

- (2) The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security is currently up to date in its reporting requirements on AusTender. As identified in the preceding table, two legal consultancies (valued at \$19,766.65 and \$18,260.00) were not advertised on AusTender in 2008-09 and 2009-10 due to administrative errors.
- (3) No further consultancies are planned for the remainder of calendar year 2010. The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) for the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security reflects this.