

Topic: Consultancies

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Answer:

Since November 2007 the Office has entered into or continued 49 consultancies with a total contract value of \$428,017. From November 2007 to 30 June 2008 there were 12 consultancies with expenditure totalling \$110,906. For the financial year 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 there were 19 consultancies with expenditure totalling \$133,847, as reported in the Office's Annual Report. For the financial year 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 there were 18 consultancies with expenditure totalling \$183,264 (subject to end-of-financial-year processing).

Details of each consultancy with a contract valued at over \$10,000 are published in the Office's annual report and can also be found on AusTender at www.tenders.gov.au. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide details of all consultancies valued at under \$10,000.

The Office is up-to-date with its reporting requirements on AusTender and the figures on the AusTender website are accurate. At this time there are no consultancies planned for 2010-11.