

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 24-25 MAY 2010**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Old Parliament House  
**Outcome/Output Group:**  
**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Barnett

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**Type of question:** Written

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- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? 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).
- b) 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.
- c) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?
- d) 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
- e) All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.

**Answer:**

- a) Since its establishment as an executive agency on 1 July 2008 to 31 May 2010 OPH has engaged thirteen consultancies valued at more than \$10,000 with a total contract value of \$555,895.80 (GST inclusive). The attachment sets out details of the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration of the contract, the cost of the consultancy and the procurement method. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the agency to provide details of all consultancies valued at less than \$10,000.
- b) The attachment sets out the amount spent (paid) on consultancies and the value of contracts awarded, both as totals and by financial years 2008/09 and 2009/10.

- c) The agency is up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website. The figures on this site are correct.
- d) The attachment sets out the number of consultancies planned for the current calendar year (2010). The annual procurement plan for 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 was published on AusTender on 29 June 2010. The attachment identifies the subject matter, duration, projected cost and method of procurement and name where known.
- e) The attached information was current at the time the answer was submitted.