

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Senate Budget Estimates 2010-11 (May 2010)**

Portfolio of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Department/Agency:** Australian Institute of Family Studies

**Outcome/Output Group:** 1.1

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Barnett

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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.**

**Answer:**

Since November 2007 AIFS' has entered into 52 new consultancies and had 21 consultancies underway at November 2007 (total number of consultancies 73) with a total contract value of \$19,162,888 (GST inc).

Details of each consultancy with a contract valued at more than \$10,000 are published in AIFS' annual reports and can also be found on AusTender (the Government's tender and procurement reporting system) at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the Institute to provide details of all consultancies valued at less than \$10,000.

- c) **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?**

Details of reportable procurements are uploaded to AusTender as required. The last upload was undertaken on Wednesday 30 June 2010.

- 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.**

The APP includes any upcoming procurements that have been identified as part of the business planning process. The current APP includes two potential consultancies for the provision of Internal Audit and Media Relations services. An open approach to the market is planned for these procurements. Consultancy contracts are usually entered into as the need arises, rather than as a result of long range future planning. The duration, cost of the consultancy and the name of the consultant remain unknown until the completion of the procurement process.

- e) **All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.**  
All answers are current as at 30 June 2010.