

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

Department/Agency: Department of the Senate

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Ryan

Question reference number: 18

Type of Question: Written

Question

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

Answer

Amounts are GST Exclusive (except "Value" details)

How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? **3**

Identify:

Name of Consultant	Subject matter	Duration	Cost *	Method of Procurement	Value (GST ind)
David Caple & Associates Pty Ltd	Review and report re Occupational Health and Safety requirements	May - Dec 2011	21,216	Direct Source	23,338
HBA Consulting	Briefing for Executive Committee Review and report of the furniture replacement project	Aug - Dec 2011	500	Direct Source	550
GHD		Aug 2011	4,262	NA - Engaged by DHOR	4,688
Total			<u>25,978</u>		<u>28,576</u>

Planned consultancies (to 31 Dec 2012): **Nil**

^ Excludes arrangements with:
- government agencies
- Legislative Committee advisors
- Consultancies engaged prior to 2011-12

* Cost - as at 31 May 2012

Question

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, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer

One consultancy is planned for this calendar year, related to internal audit services. As this is currently the subject of a tender (and appeared on AusTender in June 2012) it has not yet appeared on the department's Annual Procurement Plan.