

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

**Question reference number:** 91

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 6 July 2012

**Number of pages:** 2

**Question:**

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.

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:**

As at 31 May 2012 the Commission had engaged the following five consultants:

- a. Tempo Strategies
  - i. Subject: Facilitation of Planning Day
  - ii. Duration: 2 days
  - iii. Cost: \$7,161 (GST inclusive)
  - iv. Procurement method: Direct source
  
- b. Dawn O'Neil Consulting
  - i. Subject: To assist the Commission in consulting on and developing a three-year Strategic Plan
  - ii. Duration: 1 month
  - iii. Cost: \$25,400 (GST not payable)
  - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

- c. Healthcare Management Advisors
  - i. Subject: To assist in the development of the National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
  - ii. Duration: 2 months
  - iii. Cost: \$355,018
  - iv. Procurement method: Tender
  
- d. Richard Matthews Consulting
  - i. Subject: Provide planned and ad-hoc expert and technical advice
  - ii. Duration: 4 months
  - iii. Estimated cost: \$15,000
  - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source
  
- e. Primary Communication
  - i. Subject: Assist in the development of a communications strategy
  - ii. Duration: 2.5 months
  - iii. Estimated cost: \$16,662
  - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

The National Mental Health Commission was established on 1 January 2012 and has built operations since. As such the Commission did not publish an Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender for 2011-12.