

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Ryan

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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.
2. 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:

1. Nine consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date with total value of \$246,021 (inc GST). Details are as below:

consultant name	description	Start date	Total value Completion date	246,021.45 Contract price (GST inc)	Selection method
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal advice on renewal of Sydney premises lease	30/11/2010	28/01/2011	30,682.30	Select
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia	Audit and Probity Audits and other services	10/04/2012	12/10/2012	40,218.75	Select
Ms Arja Keski-Nunni	Consultancy Services	21/05/2012	30/06/2012	20,000.00	Select
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Advice on staff management matters	2/06/2011	30/11/2011	10,150.00	Direct
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Advice in a staffing matter	01/07/2011	30/11/2011	5,086.40	Direct
Fellows Medlock Associates Pty Ltd	Advice on SES officers terms and condition	7/11/2011	30/06/2012	30,000.00	Direct
Oaktor Services Pty Ltd	Internal Budget review	1/07/2011	18/07/2011	15,884.00	Direct
Robert Cook Barrister at Law	Legal Services for employment relation issues	10/01/2012	30/06/2013	79,000.00	Direct
Attorney-General's Department	Consultancy Services by Australian National University	28/06/2011	30/09/2012	15,000.00	Direct

2. One additional consultancy is planned for this calendar year. It has been published in the Office's APP.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Procurement Method</i>
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia	Internal audit	180 days	\$40000	Panel arrangement