

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**Additional Estimates Hearing – May 2012**  
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**Program 1:** Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

**Outcome 1:** The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Ryan

**Question reference number:** PM91

**Type of Question:** Written

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

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**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:**

The total number of consultancies undertaken this financial year to date is thirteen. See table below for specific details:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Cost (incl GST)</b>	<b>Method of procurement</b>	<b>Justification</b>
9/12/2011	Harris Hobbs Landscape Architectural Services	Landscape Architects	\$ 550.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
30/11/2011	Hughes Trueman	Heritage Management	\$8,525.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
27/10/2011	Hughes Trueman	Heritage Management	\$5,390.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
28/09/2011	Northrop	Engineers	\$ 990.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
26/09/2011	Synergy Group	Financial Services	\$7,200.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
15/07/2011	Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$3,295.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
27/10/2011	Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$6,932.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
30/11/2011	Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$38,621.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
30/11/2011	Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$2,794.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
26/09/2011	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Heritage Architects	\$39,323.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
17/10/2011	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Heritage Architects	\$1,320.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
19/12/2011	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Heritage Architects	\$1,969.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
13/09/2011	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Heritage Architects	\$5,280.00	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
		<b>Total YTD Feb 2012</b>	<b>\$122,189</b>		

**Note:** As all were minor, short term procurements, duration data is not readily available.

Consultancies have not been specifically planned for, although a number of consultancies will be undertaken as and when required. They do not form part of the Annual Procurement Plan (APP), because they are not considered significant procurement activity.