

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Supplementary Estimates Hearings 2002-2003 – 20 November 2002

Question: F49

Programme 10 (former Office of Asset Sales and IT Outsourcing), Outcome 2

Topic: Health Group IT Outsourcing

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Senator Faulkner asked:

Are you able to say, Dr Watt, whether any of the former officers whose names have been mentioned here by senators at the table—Mr Hutchinson, Mr Smith and Mr Galbraith—have any current contractual arrangements with the Commonwealth?

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Administration does not retain records of all contracts entered into by Commonwealth agencies because the employment of consultants is a matter for individual agencies.

Current Commonwealth procurement policy requires agencies to gazette all contracts, including consultancies, over \$2,000. The Government also requires agencies to notify all consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more in agency Annual Reports.

The Department of Finance and Administration does not have any contractual arrangements in place with those individuals mentioned.