

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 1 November 2005

Question: HS51

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Department of Human Services - Consultancies

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 1/11/05:

1. List a) all consultants used; b) total amount spent; c) reason for each project; d) whether each project was tendered, if so provide details of tender process.
2. For each of the projects provide
a) outcomes of the project; b) recommendations of the project; c) in depth detail of the purpose of the project?
3. For each project, provide dates that the consultancies were paid?
4. For each project, what action has followed as a result of any recommendations?
5. For each project, provide a copy of all consultants' reports?
6. For each project provide a copy of the tender document?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services' systems for reporting on consultancy contracts are designed to satisfy the reporting requirements in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Annual Report guidelines.

Consistent with these guidelines, specific information about new consultancy contracts is detailed in the Department of Human Services' Annual Report 2004-05 at Appendix 4.

The provision of information on consultancies in addition to the comprehensive data already included in the Annual Report would entail the diversion of a large amount of resources and this diversion can not be justified.

For Australian Hearing, please see Attachment A.

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Attachment A

Contractor	Subject matter	Date from	Date to	Amount	Are there any provisions regarded as confidential	Are there any other requirements of confidentiality Y/N
Jenny Fraumano & Associates	Certified agreement negotiated, Senior Performance Management issues and related IR, Voluntary Redundancy advice for restructuring and IR advice on Key Risk Issues.	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$264,862	Yes	Yes
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	Internal Audit	Quarterly Reporting	Quarterly Reporting	\$178,000	Yes	Yes