

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: HS52

Outcome 1, Output

Topic: Centrelink - 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:

Centrelink's 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 Centrelink's Annual Report 2004-05 at Appendix 13.

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.