Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and Agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 October, 2006

Question: HS 25

Outcome 1, Output 2

Topic: Child Support Agency – Crosby Textor Consultancies

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 31/10/2006:

Regarding CSA's use of Crosby Textor for various consultancies, please provide a table which highlights the dates, purpose of each contract, the cost of each contract, the method used to select Crosby Textor (i.e. directly sourced) and the justification for using Crosby Textor from 96/97 financial year to current.

Answer:

CSA has made use of Crosby Textor on one occasion as detailed in the following table:

| Serial | Financial Year | Purpose | Cost | Selection Method | Justification |
|--------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------------------------|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) | (e) |
| 1 | 96/97 | | | | |
| 2 | 97/98 | No information available to CSA as records for these years are held by ATO | | | |
| 3 | 98/99 | | | | |
| 4 | 99/00 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 5 | 00/01 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 6 | 01/02 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 7 | 02/03 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 8 | 03/04 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 9 | 04/05 | Review, | \$41,250 | Direct Source | Urgency of work |
| | | evaluation and | plus | | Expertise and Experience |
| | | drafting of | expenses | | Value under the mandatory |
| | | Communication | of | | threshold for Open Tender |
| | | Strategy | \$474.19 | | |
| 10 | 05/06 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 11 | 06/07 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes at an estimated cost of \$138.