

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Outcome General, Program General

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Senator Bernardi asked:

- a) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?
- b) Has there been any changes in the consultancies that are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010? If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.
- c) Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services. For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) Yes. Please refer to the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Annual Procurement Plan, released on 30 June 2010, and accessible on the AusTender website.

There have been no changes in the planned consultancies for the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC), ComSuper and the Future Fund Management Agency.

- c) Details of consultancy contracts can be found at the AusTender website.