

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 18-21 October 2010

**Question: PM115**

**Asked By: Senator Abetz**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Type of Question: Written**

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**How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.**

**Answer:**

<b>Name of Consultant</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Contract Duration</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Justification</b>
Acer	Analysis of performance information	20/05/2010 - 30/09/2010	37,880.00	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice on Health Reform Project	14/01/2010 - 11/05/2010	26,681.00	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal services	24/08/2010 - 8/09/2010	35,546.50	Open tender	Need for specialised professional skills

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Austhink Consulting	CNSB Evaluation Project	3/05/2010 - 7/06/2010	8,920.63	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Blake Dawson Waldron	Fee for professional services	30/06/2010 - 30/11/2010	22,727.27	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Blake Dawson Waldron	Legal advice	30/06/2010 - 30/11/2010	22,000.00	Open Tender	Need for specialised professional skills
Lesley Jackman	Consultancy for evaluation	12/04/2010 - 30/06/2010	9,000.00	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Morison Pty Ltd	Independent Audit Committee Member	14/12/2009 - 13/12/2010	11,025.00	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
P J Hamburger	Cabinet Processes Review 2010	28/5/2010 - 10/08/2010	4,950.00	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
Robert Cornall	Performance Evaluation Services	19/04/2010 - 11/06/2010	27,368.18	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills
SGS Economics	Develop indicators for Cities planning	28/06/2010 - 30/07/2011	25,795.00	Select tender	Need for specialised professional skills
Sweet Group	Analysis of performance information against National Agreement outcomes	3/05/2010 - 30/09/2010	55,000.00	Direct source	Need for independent research or assessment

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Walter Turnbull	Internal audit services	6/04/2010 - 29/01/2012	6,658.97	Open Tender	Need for independent research or assessment
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Provision of expert statistical resources to quality assure analysis and assess the performance indicators relating to the Health, Housing, Disability and Indigenous Reform Agenda National Agreements.	2/11/2009 - 24/06/2010	101,023.04	Direct source	Need for specialised professional skills

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**Answer:**

The department responded to similar questions on notice in the recent past. The following information is current as at 19 November 2010.

Since 1 June 2008, the Department has entered into 60 consultancy contracts, with a total contract value of \$2,558,693.66. Details of each consultancy with a contract valued at more than \$10,000 are published in the department's annual report and are also reported on AusTender (the Government's tender and procurement reporting system) at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au). Consistent with previous practice, consultancy contracts valued at less than \$10,000 entered into since 1 July 2010 are not included in the above figures. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the department to provide details of all consultancies valued at less than \$10,000.

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**Note:** The responses above relate to contracts with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet only. As a result of the Machinery of Government changes PM&C has acquired the functions of parts of the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (Office for the Arts), the Department of Health and Ageing (Office for Sport) and the Department of Families, Health, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Not For Profit Sector). Some consultancy contracts have been entered into by these agencies which relate to these business areas, and to date have not been novated to PM&C. Information relating to these consultancies is below.

<i>Total expenditure (excl GST) in 2009-10</i>	\$49,278.51	<i>Total value of contracts awarded (excl GST) in 2009-10</i>	\$436,928.52
<i>Total expenditure (excl GST) in 2010-11</i>	\$80,516.05	<i>Total value of contracts awarded (excl GST) in 2010-11</i>	\$363,636.60
<i>Total expenditure (excl GST)</i>	\$129,794.56	<i>Total value of contracts awarded (excl GST)</i>	\$800,565.12