

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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Question: PM 116

Topic: Consultancies

Asked By: Senator Abetz

Type of Question: Written

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- 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:

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Australia Council

- a) As the Australia Council is a *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC) agency, it does not have any reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website.
- b) No. There are no changes planned. As the Australia Council is a CAC agency, it is not required to have an Annual Procurement Plan published on the AusTender website.
- c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.

National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA)

- a) The NFSA is not subject to the reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contract website.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.

National Gallery of Australia

- a) Yes.
- b) No.
- c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.

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National Library of Australia

a) The Library is not required to utilise AusTender however we voluntarily advertise tenders and list contracts.

b) There have been two additions to the consultancies planned for this calendar year.

<i>Consultant</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>	<i>Contract Duration</i>	<i>Contract Value (incl GST)</i>	<i>Method of Procurement</i>
Liftwise	Develop a detailed scope for the refurbishment of the Library lifts	18/11/10-17/05/11	\$5,000	Direct sourcing
Oxide Interactive	Develop and enhance templates for Trove service's individual and organisation data administration tool.	15/11/10-30/06/11	\$24,288	Direct sourcing

The Library is unable to publish its Annual Procurement Plans on AusTender as it is not bound by the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.

National Museum of Australia

a) Yes the National Museum of Australia is up to date with its reporting on AusTender and the figures are correct.

b) No there has been no change to planned consultancies.

c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.

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Screen Australia

- a) Screen Australia, as a Commonwealth Statutory Authority, is not subject to the government's reporting requirements on the Austender website.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Please refer to the part a) response to PM115.