

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011
 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Output Group: 1.1

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Abetz

Question reference number: PM 114

- a) How much has the Department spent on consultancy services 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).
- b) How can the department justify this expenditure?

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

- a) \$522,002

Supplier Name	Description	Procurement Method	Consultancy Reason(s)	Start Date	End Date	Spent Since Estimates \$
Australian Government Solicitor	Consultancy related legal services	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	17/05/2007	17/05/2011	114,738
Bennelong Resources Pty Ltd	Advisory support to the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal	Direct sourcing	Need for specialised or professional skills	14/09/2010	31/05/2011	0
Blake Dawson Waldron	Consultancy related legal services	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	17/05/2007	17/05/2011	0
Business Wide	Review of APSC leadership, learning and development suite of programs	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	16/08/2010	30/11/2010	25,002

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Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Internal Audit Services	Open Tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency	9/12/2008	30/11/2010	61,440
Fellows Medlock & Associates Pty Ltd	Advice on implementation of bargaining arrangements	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/09/2010	30/11/2010	18,526
Gecko Consulting	ICT Business Case Preparation	Select tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	19/05/2010	4/06/2010	16,544
LECG Ltd	Capability reviews assessment	Open tender	Need for independent research or assessment	25/06/2010	30/06/2010	16,500
LECG Ltd	Consultancy for Leadership, Learning and Development advisory board	Direct sourcing	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	28/06/2010	31/08/2010	26,825
Mercer (Australia) Pty Ltd	SES review	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	22/12/2010	0
Morris Walker Pty Ltd	Media Advisor for Remuneration Tribunal	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	25/11/2008	30/11/2011	0
Orima Research Pty Ltd	Statistical and research services for Citizen Survey	Select tender	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	31/10/2010	90,566
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	SES review	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	22/12/2010	0
SMS Consulting Group Ltd	APS Reform <i>Blueprint</i> consultancy	Open tender	Need for specialised or professional skills	21/07/2010	10/09/2010	45,719
The Nous Group	APS Reform <i>Blueprint</i> consultancy	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	21/05/2010	30/06/2010	75,892
Workplace Research Associates Pty L	Evaluation of specified SES positions	Open tender	Need for independent research or assessment	2/06/2010	26/06/2010	30,250

- b) Each contract for the engagement of a consultant is demonstrated and justified as best value for money. The use of consultants enables the Commission to undertake projects and activities where it lacks the required type and or level of expertise - architectural, legal services; independence - internal auditor or financial advisor and or where there is the lack of internal capability and resources to meet project/activity timeframes and deadlines.