

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

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Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Abetz

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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.

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Answer:

Sixteen contracts were underway or have been entered into since Budget Estimates 2010

Consultancies undertaken since budget estimates 2010

Supplier Name	Description	Value \$	Procurement Method	Consultancy Reason(s)	Start Date	End Date
Australian Government Solicitor	Consultancy related legal services	400,000	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	17/05/2007	17/05/2011
Bennelong Resources Pty Ltd	Advisory support to the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal	25,244	Direct sourcing	Need for specialised or professional skills	14/09/2010	31/05/2011

Supplier Name	Description	Value \$	Procurement Method	Consultancy Reason(s)	Start Date	End Date
Blake Dawson Waldron	Consultancy related legal services	105,000	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	17/05/2007	17/05/2011
Business Wide	Review of APSC leadership, learning and development suite of programs	30,000	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	16/08/2010	30/11/2010
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Internal Audit Services	176,000	Open Tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency	9/12/2008	30/11/2010
Fellows Medlock & Associates Pty Ltd	Advice on implementation of bargaining arrangements	40,000	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/09/2010	30/11/2010
Gecko Consulting	ICT Business Case Preparation	29,700	Select tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	19/05/2010	4/06/2010
LECG Ltd	Capability reviews assessment	16,500	Open tender	Need for independent research or assessment	25/06/2010	30/06/2010
LECG Ltd	Consultancy for Leadership, Learning and Development advisory board	20,677	Direct sourcing	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	28/06/2010	31/08/2010
Mercer (Australia) Pty Ltd	SES review	330,000	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	22/12/2010
Morris Walker Pty Ltd	Media Advisor for Remuneration Tribunal	50,000	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	25/11/2008	30/11/2011
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	SES review	68,500	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	22/12/2010
Orima Research Pty Ltd	Statistical and research services for Citizen Survey	129,381	Select tender	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	31/10/2010
SMS Consulting Group Ltd	APS Reform <i>Blueprint</i> consultancy	47,309	Open tender	Need for specialised or professional skills	21/07/2010	10/09/2010

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The Nous Group	APS Reform <i>Blueprint</i> consultancy	75,892	Open tender	Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	21/05/2010	30/06/2010
Workplace Research Associates Pty L	Evaluation of specified SES positions	46,640	Open tender	Need for independent research or assessment	2/06/2010	26/06/2010

Spending on consultancies

	2008-09 \$'000	2009-10 \$'000	Since 1 July 2010 \$'000
Total spending on consultancies	613	727	487
Value of consultancies awarded	497	729	670

A breakdown on spending since Budget Estimates 2010 is provided in Question on Notice 114.

Further information on the Commission use of Consultants is available from the Commission Annual Reports and its website www.apsc.gov.au.