

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2010
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: ABETZ

Question reference number: PM115

Type of Question: Written

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Answer:

a) Consultancies since Budget Estimates 2010

Consultant Name	Cost	Subject Matter	Method of Procurement	Justification
Northrop	\$ 1,650.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Northrop	\$ 385.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Synergy	\$ 5,500.00	Financial Services	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Harris Hobbs Landscapes	\$ 3,575.00	Landscape Architects	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Northrop	\$ 693.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Northrop	\$ 825.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Northrop	\$ 3,025.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Northrop	\$ 1,375.00	Engineers	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills

Lovell Chen	\$ 3,257.96	Heritage Architects	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Lovell Chen	\$ 1,907.71	Heritage Architects	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Synergy	\$ 6,600.00	Financial Services	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Australian Government Solicitor	\$ -	Legal	Open	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Blake Dawson	\$ -	Legal	Open	Needed for specialised or professional skills
Total	\$ 28,793.67			

please note: as all except the consultancies with the Australian Government Solicitor and Blake Dawson were minor, short term procurements duration data is not readily available for these procurements. The consultancies with the Australian Government Solicitor and Blake Dawson are by deeds of standing offer (agreements to provide services if needed, according to an agreed fee schedule). No payments have been made or are otherwise due in connection with these consultancies in 2010-11 to date. The duration of these two consultancies is 12 months.

b) Consultancies for 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Details of each consultancy with a contract valued at over \$10,000 are published in the Office's annual reports and can also be found on AusTender at www.tenders.gov.au. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to provide details of prior year consultancies valued at under \$10,000.