

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 116

- 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.

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Answer:

- a) Details of reportable procurements are uploaded to AusTender on a regular basis. The last such upload was undertaken on 16 November 2010. Should any detail later be found to be incorrect, it will be amended on AusTender as soon as is practicable.
- b) The APP for 2010-2011 does not include any consultancies. Consultancy contracts are usually entered into as the need arises, rather than as a result of long range future planning. The duration and cost of any consultancy and the name of the consultant remain unknown until the completion of the procurement process.

c) List of current consultancies

Consultant Name	Description	Contract Price \$	Selection process	Justification	Start Date	End Date
Australian Government Solicitor	Consultancy related legal services Advisory support to the Commonwealth	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	Remuneration Tribunal	25,244	Direct sourcing	Need for specialised or professional skills Skills currently unavailable within agency and need for specialised or professional skills	14/09/2010	31/05/2011
Blake Dawson Waldron	Consultancy related legal services Review of APSC leadership, learning and development suite of programs	105,000	Open tender	Need for independent research or assessment	17/05/2007	17/05/2011
Business Wide		30,000	Direct sourcing	Skills currently unavailable within agency	16/08/2010	30/11/2010
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Internal Audit Services Advice on implementation of bargaining arrangement	176,000	Open Tender	Need for independent research or assessment	9/12/2008	30/11/2010
Fellows Medlock & Associates Pty Ltd		40,000	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/09/2010	30/11/2010
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
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
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	SES review	68,500	Direct sourcing	Need for independent research or assessment	15/07/2010	22/12/2010