

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES –17-18 OCTOBER 2011

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: F71

Type of question: Written

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Answer:

- a) A list of all consultancy services let in 2010-11 is available at Appendix G in the 2010-11 Annual Report for the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- b) All amendments made during a tender process are available on the AusTender site.
- c) A list of all consultancy services let FYTD by the Department of Finance and Deregulation is available on the AusTender site.

- d) Yes. All amendments made throughout a tender process can be accessed on the AusTender site. The Department of Finance and Deregulation is currently up to date with reporting requirements.
- e) All planned procurements, including consultancies, are published in the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Annual Procurement Plan, released on 30 June 2011, and accessible on the AusTender website.

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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ryan

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Answer:

- a) A list of all consultancy services undertaken by the AEC in 2010-11 is available on the AusTender site.

- b) There were no changes to the AEC's published tenders in 2010-11. The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) was continually updated to reflect the AEC's requirements though.

- c) PricewaterhouseCoopers were contracted to perform a consultancy on behalf of the Department of Finance and Deregulation to undertake a Funding Review of the AEC. Under the terms of the Funding Review, the AEC is responsible for the expenditure. The Department of Finance and Deregulation procured PricewaterhouseCoopers from its panel of accounting and finance service providers. Details of this consultancy are available on the AusTender site.

- d) Yes. For previous tenders advertised on the Government's website for this financial year, there were no changes made. The AEC is currently up to date with its reporting requirements.

- e) It is unsure as to how many consultancies will be conducted for this calendar year. To the best of our knowledge the following will be conducted.
 - i. PricewaterhouseCoopers engagement as an independent consultant for the Financial Management and Funding Review was not listed on the AEC's APP as the consultant was appointed to assist the Department of Finance and Deregulation in their review of the AEC.

 - ii. There is a planned consultancy for our Indigenous Education Electoral Participation Program. This has not been listed on our APP as the initial Evaluation Framework developed for the Program will be again evaluated by the same Consultancy firm.

 - iii. There will also be a requirement for testing of a new online Postal Vote Application system for accessibility with blind/low vision audiences. The original company will be engaged to test the site. The cost of the procurement is expected to be over \$20 000.

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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: ComSuper
Outcome/Program: General – Cross Portfolio
Topic: Consultancies

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Answer:

- a) 17 consultancies (over \$10,000), totalling \$800,000.
Please refer to the Commissioner for Superannuation (ComSuper's) 2010-11 Annual Report – section 4, table A7 on page 129 for further details.
- b) There were no changes to tenders released by ComSuper this financial year.

- c) 11 consultancies FYTD at a total cost of \$481,160.90. Please refer to ComSuper's AusTender listings for Consultancies entered in 2011-12.
- d) ComSuper does not have any current tenders out to market. There were no changes to tenders released by ComSuper this financial year. ComSuper is up to date with its reporting requirements.
- e) No consultancies are planned for this calendar year and therefore are not published in ComSuper's Annual Procurement Plan.

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Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Consultancies

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Answer:

In respect of public monies:

- a) Refer to ARIA's Annual Report to Parliament 2010-2011, page 246. Weblink here: http://www.aria.gov.au/annualreport/1011/appendix_1011.shtml#anchor-8
- b) N/A.
- c) 10 consultancies have been entered into this FYTD, total value of \$194,096.

FYTD 2011-12				
Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Duration	Cost of the arrangement	Method of procurement
Dymond Foulds & Vaughan	Transition of PSSap member administration from ComSuper to Pillar	ongoing	35,181	Direct Source
Dysen Pty Ltd	Site inspection, advice and issuance of certificate	1 day	536	Direct Source
GFK Moon	PSSap member research	Approx. 2 months	76,670	Direct Source
Mercer (Australia) Pty Ltd	Calculation and certification of vested benefits PSS & CSS	2 days	33,290	Direct Source
	Updated market remuneration data	2 days	7,854	Direct Source
PriceWaterhouse Coopers	Internal audit - Business continuity	1 month	6,050	Direct Source
Payroll Matters	Payroll advice	1 day	1,136	Direct Source
Professional Financial Services	PSSap transition to Pillar - Insurance issue	Approx. 2 months	29,904	Direct Source
SRC Solutions	OH&S Services to 8/07/11	1 day	435	Direct Source
Strategic Renewal Consulting	Advice and support ARIA Audit & Risk Committee	ongoing	3,039	Direct Source
Total			<u><u>194,096</u></u>	

d) N/A.

e) 17 consultancies are planned for this calendar year.

2011 calendar year plan				
Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Duration	Cost of the arrangement	Method of procurement
David Lawson	ARIA talent assessment and succession planning project	ongoing	11,768	Direct Source
Dymond Foulds & Vaughan	Consulting services transition to Pillar from Comsuper	ongoing	51,168	Direct Source
PPC Worldwide Pty Ltd	Employee Assistance Program 01/02/11 - 31/01/2012	1 year	1,200	Direct Source
WH & K Robinson	Executive coaching service	5 days	1,250	Direct Source
Rayndawn Pty Ltd	PSSap outsourcing identification process	2 days	11,700	Direct Source
AON Risk Services Australia Ltd	Insurable risk review ARIA	Approx. 2 months	13,138	Direct Source
PriceWaterhouse Coopers	Internal audit - Business continuity	1 month	10,000	Direct Source
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KPMG Australia	Fraud Awareness Training presentation 25/10/11 Director Meeting	1 day	1,786	Direct Source
Mercer (Australia) Pty Ltd	Calculation and certification of vested benefits PSS & CSS	1 year	33,290	Direct Source
	Remuneration review	2 days	9,639	Direct Source
PriceWaterhouse Coopers	September 2011 Audit Committee attendance	1 day	1,345	Direct Source

Payroll Matters	Payroll advice	1 day	1,136	Direct Source
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Answer:

- a) Please refer to page 42 of the Future Fund Annual Report and the consultancies disclosure on the Future Fund website available at:
http://www.futurefund.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/4667/Austender_Consultancies_June_2011.pdf

- b) No.
- c) Please refer to Austender at: www.tenders.gov.au
- d) Yes. No changes or corrections have been made.
- e) Please refer to the Annual Procurement Plan at on Austender: www.tenders.gov.au