

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
2. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes
3. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
4. Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?
5. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? 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, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

1. Seven contracts for consultancies were entered into during 2010-11.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Procurement Method</i>
Syfa Solutions Pty Ltd	Develop site IT security plans	94 days	\$15,000	Direct

Ipsos Public Affairs Pty Ltd	Survey of Aust & ACT government agencies	121 days	\$44,946	Direct
Winangali Pty Ltd	Research into Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander use of complaint services	52 days	\$47,515	Select
Australian National University	Consultancy Services by Dr Mathew	370 days	\$15,000	Direct
Ipsos Public Affairs Pty Ltd	Public awareness survey	121 days	\$74,910	Direct
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Advice on staff management matters	22 days	\$14,000	Direct
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Legal services for renewal of Sydney premises lease	59 days	\$30,682	Select
			\$242,053	

2. No.

3. Two consultancies this FYTD (to September 2011).

Supplier Name	Description	Duration	Value	Procurement Method
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Internal Budget review	17 days	\$ 15,840	Direct
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Seek advice in a staffing matter	42 days	\$ 12,716	Direct
			\$ 28,556	

4. N/A, the office has no tenders on Austender.

5. One consultancy is planned for this calendar year (in addition to the two consultancies underway). It has not been put in our APP as its value is estimated to be less than \$80,000.

Name	Description	Duration	Value	Procurement Method
Unknown	Determine the costs of office activities	150 days	\$60,000	Direct