

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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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 (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

Answer:

The Department entered into 23 consultancy contracts during the period 1 October 2010 – 30 June 2011. Details are listed in the Department's Annual Report (pages 93-95 refer) and are available on the AusTender website www.austender.gov.au. Consultancy contracts of \$10,000 or more are required to be published in the Department's Annual Report. The Department did not enter into any consultancies worth less than \$10,000 in 2010-11.

In accordance with the Senate Order on Departmental and Agency Contracts, all contracts, agreements and consultancies let over \$100,000 are also listed each calendar and financial year on the Department's website. The Senate Order for 2010-11 was tabled in Parliament in August 2011 and is available at www.tenders.gov.au.