

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 15 OCTOBER 2012

PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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.

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:

As at 31 October 2012 the Commission has engaged two new consultants, to the value of \$76,000 (GST incl):

- a. Boxing Clever
 - i. Subject: Assist with the development of a communications and launch strategy for the 2012 National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
 - ii. Duration: 7.5 months
 - iii. Estimated cost: \$44,000 (GST Incl)
 - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

- b. Mr Gregor Henderson
 - i. Subject: Provide planned and ad hoc technical and expert advice on mental health and wellbeing
 - ii. Duration: 12 months
 - iii. Estimated cost: \$32,000 (GST not charged)
 - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

As at 31 October 2012 the Commission has the following two ongoing consultants to the value of (\$21,734.68):

c. Richard Matthews Consulting

- i. Subject: Provide planned and ad-hoc expert and technical advice
- ii. Duration: 4 months
- iii. Estimated cost: \$15,070 (GST Incl)
- iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

d. Primary Communication

- i. Subject: Assist in the development of a communications strategy
- ii. Duration: 2.5 months
- iii. Estimated cost: \$6,664.68 (GST Incl)
- iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

The Commission's Annual Procurement Plan was published on Austender on 28 June 2012. This has two planned consultancies for 2012-13:

- 1) Consultation on the National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
- 2) Consultation on other development of the National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Further details are not known at this stage as these relate to the review of the inaugural Report Card which will be published soon and the development of the 2013 Report Card.