

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

##### **(2) Output: Internal Product**

Senator Barnett (L&CA 14) asked:

Could you please advise how many reviews and consultancies have been undertaken or are under way since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the consultancy and the method of procurement—whether it was an open tender or direct source, et cetera. Also, please include a total value for all reviews and consultancies since this time.

Can you advise how many consultancies or reviews are planned for this financial year? Have all these been published in your annual procurement plan? Have all these been published on the AusTender website, tenders.gov.au? And if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, the duration, cost and method of procurement as above and the name of the consultant or reviewer, if known.

When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

*Answer:*

#### **Reviews and Consultancies Undertaken**

In relation to reviews, I direct your attention to the response to Parliamentary Question on Notice No. 429.

In relation to consultancies, these arrangements are reported by both DIAC and MRT-RRT as Contract Notices on AusTender - [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)

#### **Planned Consultancies and Reviews**

##### **DIAC**

For the 2008-09 financial year four consultancies and reviews are currently planned. A list of planned reviews or consultancies to be undertaken by DIAC is at Attachment A.

**MRT-RRT**

For the 2008-09 financial year two consultancies and reviews are currently planned. A list of planned reviews or consultancies to be undertaken by MRT-RRT is at [Attachment B](#).

**Government Response to Reviews**

It would not be appropriate for the Department to respond to this question. The timing of responses is a matter for the Government.