

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 13 FEBRUARY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE12/0086) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

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:

Consultants are engaged on an as needs basis according to individual business area requirements. Consultants are typically sourced from existing Standing Offer arrangements and as such are not required to be published on the Annual Procurement Plan.

In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, the department publishes details of all consultancy contracts on AusTender.

Information published on AusTender includes the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract and the method of procurement.