

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Sub Program All

Question No. 98

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Regarding consultancies:

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).
- b) Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.
- c) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?
- d) 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) A list of consultancies undertaken or underway since November 2007 to 8 February 2010 was provided in the portfolio's response to Question on Notice 124 for the February Estimates.
Attachment A provides a list of consultancies that were entered into from 8 February 2010 to 23 May 2010 including those not previously provided. The total value of all consultancy contracts presented within Attachment A is \$4,419,640.
- b) As at 23 May 2010, the total spending on and the value of contracts awarded for all portfolio agencies for the period November 2007 to 23 May 2010 is presented in **Attachment B**.
- c) Yes for both questions. The Australian Government Solicitor, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation and the High Court are not required to publish information.
- d) Planned consultancies are at **Attachment C**.