

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES - 16 FEBRUARY 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Consultancies

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Question:

- a) How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?
- b) 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
- c) 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:

On 1 July 2011 the Department of Human Services included the former agencies of Centrelink, Medicare Australia, the Child Support Program and CRS Australia. The information provided in the following questions is based on the agency arrangements that were in place in the relevant years.

- a) Number of consultancies undertaken by Human Services portfolio agencies in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as follows:

Agency	Financial Year	Total number of consultancy contracts
DHS	2007-08	8
	2008-09	13
	2009-10	17
Medicare Australia	2007-08	15
	2008-09	31
	2009-10	18

Agency	Financial Year	Total number of consultancy contracts
Centrelink	2007-08	15
	2008-09	29
	2009-10	19
CRS Australia	2007-08	13
	2008-09	9
	2009-10	6
Total:	2007-08	51
	2008-09	82
	2009-10	60

b) The integrated Department of Human Services undertook 11 consultancy contracts between 1 July 2011 and 31 December 2011.

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Price	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Method
Access Macquarie Ltd (Risk Frontiers)	Assessment of the Hume Data Centre against any impact by natural or man-made disasters	\$38,500	12/08/2011	15/09/2011	Direct
Aquitaine Consulting	Review Service Delivery Reform Benefits Program	\$159,500	21/07/2011	31/07/2011	Direct
Booz & Company (Aust) Pty Ltd	Development of a Departmental Balanced Scorecard	\$203,280	02/08/2011	30/09/2011	Open
Hugh Watson Consulting Pty Ltd	Strategic review of the Communications Division structure and organisation	\$50,039	13/09/2011	10/11/2011	Panel
KPMG	Development of new computer costing methodology	\$374,000	22/11/2011	30/04/2012	Panel
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Post Implementation Review of the Corporate Processes and Systems Integration (CPSI) Program	\$49,060	21/12/2011	20/12/2012	Panel
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Development of a strategy for departmental letters and correspondence – (external customer correspondence)	\$75,810	27/10/2011	02/12/2011	Select
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Specialist services for the enhancement of portfolio, program and	\$81,598	19/09/2011	30/11/2011	Panel

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Price	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Method
	project frameworks				
Robert Cornall	Review of Legal Services Division	\$78,898	17/10/2011	16/12/2011	Direct
ThinkPlace	Transition Strategy for Telecommunications	\$109,674	20/12/2011	30/06/2012	Panel
Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Advice on strategic planning and development of a strategic plan	\$60,000	09/11/2011	30/06/2012	Panel
11 contracts	Total:	\$1,280,359			

- c) There are no consultancies planned for this calendar year, as the need for specialist services does not become apparent until specific issues or business needs are identified. All consultancy contracts are reported in the Annual Report at the conclusion of each financial year.