Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: SBT 743-745

Topic:Consultancies (ACCC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 743. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date (26 October 2012)? 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.
- 744. 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.
- 745. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? 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.

Answer:

- 743. The ACCC has undertaken 24 consultancies this financial year to date. Details of the consultancies are published on the Austender website <u>www.austender.gov.au</u>.
- 744. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies at any given time.
- 745. The ACCC undertook 81 consultancies in the 2011-2012 financial year. Details of the consultancies are listed on the Austender website <u>www.austender.gov.au</u>.