

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 30/31 May 2011

Question: E11-392

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: NUMBER OF CONSULTANCIES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Boyce 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:

The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) is required to be published on AusTender by 1 July each year for the following 12 months (outlined in *Financial Management Guidance 15: Guidance on Procurement Publishing Obligations*). It is not mandatory to update this plan throughout the year; however, the Department undertakes quarterly updates, with the most recent update completed on 26 May 2011.

A listing of those consultancies currently active in the 2010-11 APP is provided in Attachment A.

The Department has met its obligation to publish the 2011-12 financial year APP by 1 July 2011, listing two planned consultancies which have been rolled over from the 2010-11 APP and are marked with asterisks in Attachment A. It should be noted that, in June 2010, the APP underwent major changes in format and, whilst the Department has included consultancy information in previous years, there is now no ability to record consultancy indicator information in the AusTender APP.