

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

**Program All**

**Question No. 156**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

Contractors

For this financial year to date:

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.  
What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

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

**Australian Security Intelligence Organisation**

- a) – i) For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to provide this information.

**CrimTrac**

- a) No.
- b) No.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) Yes. In 2008 CrimTrac engaged Cutting Edge to produce information DVDs relating to a potential national automated number plate recognition system. The total cost was \$333,168 (incl. GST). CrimTrac is not currently considering engaging Cutting Edge in any capacity.
- f) No.
- g) No.
- h) No.
- i) No.

Neither the Attorney-General's Department, nor any other agency within the portfolio has engaged any of the named contractors.