

**Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts  
Committee Inquiries Question on Notice  
Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration  
Inquiry into the Management and Assurance of Integrity by Consulting Services  
(Consulting Services)**

**IQ23-000056**

**Division/Agency:** DIV - Finance and Business Services

**Hansard Reference:** Written, (23 March 2023)

**Topic:** Consultancy - Contracts, terminations & disputes

**Senator Barbara Pocock asked:**

1. Has [agency] determined in the last ten years that a consulting firm has not fulfilled their contract? If yes, list all occurrences, including the name of the consulting firm, name of project, date of contract and reason consulting firm did not fulfill the contract.
2. Has [agency] terminated any consultancy contract and why in the last ten years?
3. Have any contracts been the subject of dispute or legal action in the last ten years?

**Answer:**

1. The department does not maintain a central list of consulting firms that have not fulfilled their contracts.
2. The department does not maintain a central list of consultancy contracts that have been terminated.
3. The department does not maintain a central list of contracts that have been the subject of dispute or legal action.