

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)

IQ23-000054

Division/Agency: DIV - Finance and Business Services

Hansard Reference: Written (23 March 2023)

Topic: Consultancy Services

Senator Barbara Pocock asked:

1. Will [agency] spend less on consultancy services in the 2022-23 FY than in the 2021-22 FY?
2. What is [agency] predicted spend on consultancy services in the 2022-23 FY?
3. What did [agency] spend on consultancy services in the 2021-22 FY?
4. How much has [agency] spent on consultancy services to date in the 2022-23 FY?

Answer:

1. Yes. The department is expecting to see a downward trend in consultancy services spend over recent years.
2. Due to the fluctuating nature of consultancy services spend and engagement across the department in recent years, it is difficult to accurately predict the 2022-23 FY spend. Final spend on consultancy will be published in the 2022-23 Annual Report. In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules the department publishes contracts (including consultancy contracts) on AusTender within 42 days of contract commencement. As at 28 February 2023, the department has spent \$6.4 million (GST excl) on consultancy services in 2022-23 FY.
3. The department reported a consultancy services spend of \$13.1 million (GST excl) in the 2021-22 Annual Report.
4. The department had a total expenditure of \$6.4 million (GST excl) on consultancy services from 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023.

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IQ23-000057

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Hansard Reference: Written (23 March 2023)

Topic: Contracts awarded to PwC since 16 November 2022

Senator Barbara Pocock asked:

List all contracts awarded to PwC since 16 November 2022 to date. Include:

- a. name of project
- b. type of project (advice, evaluation, service delivery etc..)
- c. cost
- d. contract commencement date
- e. contract finalisation date

Answer:

Contracts awarded to PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (ABN 20607773295) since 16 November 2022 by the Department are as follows:

AusTender Contract Notice ID	Description	Category	Start Date	End Date	Value (AUD)
CN3939138	Western Sydney International (WSI) Facilities Business Case	Managemen t advisory services	22-Dec-22	29-Sep-23	\$1,723,346.00
CN3951717	Corporate Strategic Design Program	Managemen t advisory services	9-Mar-23	31-Aug-23	\$1,224,417.00