

## **Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee**

### **Attorney-General's Department**

**Question date:** 23 March 2023

**Barbara Pocock asked the following question:**

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?
5. How many reports did [agency] commission from consultants in the last three financial years: 2019-2020 – 2021-2022?
  - a. Of any reports commissioned in the last three financial years, how many have been publicly released (in whole or in part)?
6. 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.
7. Has [agency] terminated any consultancy contract and why in the last ten years?
8. Have any contracts been the subject of dispute or legal action in the last ten years?
9. 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.

**The response to the question is as follows:**

1. Yes
2. Departmental predicted spend in 2022-23 is \$2,257,089
3. Departmental spend in 2021-22 was \$5,593,764
4. Departmental year to date spend \$1,116,083
5. The department does not have a central register that captures this information
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6. The department does not have a central register that captures this information
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8. The department is not aware of any dispute or legal action
9. The department has not awarded any contracts to PwC since 16 November 2022.