

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)

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Division/Agency: DIV - Finance and Business Services

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Topic: Reports from consultants in the last three financial years

Senator Barbara Pocock asked:

1. 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)?

Answer:

1. Consultants are often asked to present reports as part of their engagement. The department awarded the following consultancy contracts in the last three financial years:

Year	Number of consultancies	Value \$million (GST incl)
2019-20	153	\$52.7
2020-21	121	\$52.2
2021-22	120	\$39.4

- a. For the period 2019-2020 – 2021-2022, the department entered into 394 consultancy contracts worth \$144.3 million (GST incl). During this period, to the best of our knowledge, the department is aware of 50 commissioned reports being publicly released, either in whole or in part.