

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

**Treasury Portfolio**

**Inquiry into the management and assurance of integrity by consulting services**

2022 - 2023

**Division:** Corporate Division  
**Topic:** Consultancy services  
**Reference:** Written  
**Senator:** Barbara Pocock

**Question:**

1. Will the Department of the Treasury spend less on consultancy services in the 2022-23 FY than in the 2021-22 FY?
2. What is the Department of the Treasury predicted spend on consultancy services in the 2022-23 FY?
3. What did the Department of the Treasury spend on consultancy services in the 2021-22 FY?
4. How much has the Department of the Treasury spent on consultancy services to date in the 2022-23 FY?
5. How many reports did the Department of the Treasury 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 the Department of the Treasury 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 the Department of the Treasury 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

**Answer:**

1. Treasury is unable to advise end of year position at this time.
2. Treasury is unable to advise end of year position at this time.
3. \$7,172,490 (GST inclusive).
4. For the period 1 July 2022 to 28 February 2023, Treasury spent \$2,047,290 (GST inclusive) on consultancy services.
5. Preparation of a response to this question would cause an unreasonable diversion of the Treasury's resources.
6. Preparation of a response to this question would cause an unreasonable diversion of the Treasury's resources.
7. Preparation of a response to this question would cause an unreasonable diversion of the Treasury's resources.
8. Preparation of a response to this question would cause an unreasonable diversion of the Treasury's resources.
9. The Treasury has awarded two contracts to PwC since 16 November 2022 to date.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**

- a. Assessment of Consumer Data Right cybersecurity settings
- b. Management Advisory Services
- c. \$492,000 (GST inclusive)
- d. 28 November 2022
- e. 31 May 2023

**PricewaterhouseCoopers Indigenous Consulting Pty Limited**

- a. Data Standards Chair's Data Sensitivity Model for Consumer Data Right
- b. Management Advisory Services
- c. \$925,800 (GST inclusive)
- d. 5 December 2022
- e. 30 June 2023