

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health and Aged Care

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

Inquiry into the management and assurance of integrity by consulting services (Consulting services)

PDR Number: IQ23-000026

Contracts awarded to PwC since 16 November 2022 to date

Written

Senator: Barbara Pocock

Question:

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:

AusTender Contract Number	Contract Description	Type of Project	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value (GST Incl.)
CN3946367	Program Assurance Committee Evaluation Services	Evaluation Services	13/02/2023	30/06/2024	\$596,200.00
CN3953152	Review of the COVID-19 Aged Care Support Program Extension Grant	Review	24/02/2023	30/04/2023	\$218,624.92
CN3950915	Provide Audit Training	Audit Training	13/03/2023	16/03/2023	\$17,864.00
CN3931888-A1	Program Management and Support Services to Expand the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program	Program Management	28/11/2022	31/07/2023	\$1,408,219.00

CN3934400	Provision for a Risk Management Workshop	Risk Management Workshop	12/12/2022	28/02/2023	\$36,669.00
CN3937145	Activities to Support Reform to Part B of the Prostheses List	Program Management	13/12/2022	01/03/2023	\$133,580.00
CN3943815	Independent Evaluation of Lifeline Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Support Phone Line	Evaluation Services	12/01/2023	24/12/2024	\$1,128,600.00
CN3950912	Supporting Primary Care Projects	Project Management	06/03/2023	30/06/2023	\$2,640,000.00
CN3951601	Audit and Evaluation Services of the Aged Care Workforce Bonus Payments	Audit Services	10/03/2023	28/04/2023	\$2,194,500.00
				Total	\$8,374,256.92

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PDR Number: IQ23-000027

Big 7 consulting/accounting firms

Written

Senator: Barbara Pocock

Question:

The following questions relate to the below consulting/accounting firms that will be referred to as the "Big 7." If answering in the affirmative to any of the below questions, specify which of the Big 7 firms you are referring to.

- Deloitte
- EY
- KPMG
- PwC
- McKinsey
- Boston Consulting
- Accenture

10. Are any former partners of each of the Big 7 employed at [agency]?
11. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?
12. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?
13. Are any former partners of each of the Big 7 appointed to any boards or sub-committees of [agency]?
14. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?

15. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?
16. Are any former partners of the Big 7 involved in any policy consultation committees, panels or other formal processes at [agency]?
17. Are any of these former partners receiving ongoing payments from their former association with these firms, including as part of any retirement plans?
18. Has [agency] established if these ongoing payments are tied to the financial performance these firms?

Answer:

10. The Department of Health and Aged Care (the department) has a declaration of interest process which all SES are required to complete annually. Through this process, the department is unaware of any former partners, of each of the agencies listed, currently employed.

11. Due to response to Question 10, this is not applicable.

12. Due to response to Question 10, this is not applicable.

13. The department has only one senior governance committee with external members. One Committee Member is a previous partner of one of the 'Big 7'. As per this committee's charter:

As part of their membership, once each year Committee Members will provide written declarations, through the Chair of the Committee, to the Secretary declaring any actual or perceived conflicts of interest they may have in relation to their responsibilities. For the avoidance of doubt, any such declaration by a Member must include a declaration of any material personal interest which a Member may have in relation to their responsibilities.

Members should consider past employment, consultancy arrangements and related party issues in making these declarations and the Secretary, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, should be satisfied that there are sufficient processes in place to manage any actual or perceived conflict.

14. The department does not specifically request the disclosure of financial arrangements for external committee members. As outlined in Question 13, committee members are expected to disclose actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

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16. Please see response to Question 13, above.

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