

Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Outcome: Corporate and Enabling Services

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Question No. IQ23-000193

Senator Barbara Pocock provided in writing.

Consultancy Services Spend | DEWR

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?

Answer

DEWR has provided the following response:

1. DEWR was formed on 1 July 2022. There was no spend on consultancy service by DEWR prior to 1 July 2022
2. The total predicted spend for 2022-2023 Financial year as at 23 March 2023 is \$5,786,750 Incl GST
3. DEWR was formed on 1 July 2022. There was no spend on consultancy service by DEWR prior to 1 July 2022
4. The total value spent on consultancy services to 28 February 2023 is \$4,550,865.28 Incl GST

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Commissioned Reports from Consultants | DEWR

Question

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

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations was formed on 1 July 2022.

It was not able to commission any reports prior to this date.

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Consultancy Contracts | DEWR

Question

1. 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.
2. Has [agency] terminated any consultancy contract and why in the last ten years?
3. Have any contracts been the subject of dispute or legal action in the last ten years?

Answer

DEWR has provided the following response, noting the agency was formed on 1 July 2022.

1.No

2.No

3.No

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Contracts awarded to PwC | DEWR

Question

1. 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

DEWR provides the following response:

Name of Project	Type of Project	Cost of Project \$ Incl GST	Commencement Date	Finalisation Date
Review of the VET Student Loans IT Issue *	Review	438,477.88	20 October 2022	17 May 2023
Independent Assurance for the onboarding of complementary programs onto the digital platform	Assurance	770,000	21 February 2023	20 February 2024
Review DEWR's Business Activity Statement (BAS) processes	Review	33,000	5 December 2022	31 January 2023
Purchase of CyberArk software licences to support Privileged Access Management.	Licencing and Application Integration	503,048.94	21 December 2022	17 June 2024
Preparation and lodgement of the Department's Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT) Return for the years to 31 March 2023, 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2025	Service Delivery	42,900	1 February 2023	30 November 2025
Internal audit and assurance activities	Audit Services	1,282,905	31 January 2022 (Varied 22 February 2023)	30 June 2025

* This contract included for completeness