Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Consultancies

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Question:

a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

a) The Department of Human Services undertook 13 consultancies between 1 July 2011 and 26 June 2012 (financial year to date).

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Price	Method
Access Macquarie Ltd (Risk Frontiers)	Assessment of the Hume Data Centre against any impact by natural or man-made disasters.	12/08/2011	15/09/2011	$38,500	Direct
Analytics Group Pty Ltd	Review of the new employment and job capacity assessments.	23/09/2011	28/10/2011	$49,335	Panel
Aquitaine Consulting	Review of the Service Delivery Reform Benefits Program.	21/07/2011	31/08/2011	$159,500	Direct
Booz & Company (Aust) Pty Ltd	Development of Departmental Balanced Scorecard.	02/08/2011	30/09/2011	$203,280	Open
Booz & Company (Aust) Pty Ltd	Operational review of Customer Service Delivery and Future Services, Rehabilitation & Compliance Groups.	17/05/2012	25/06/2012	$580,581	Open

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Hugh Watson Consulting Pty Ltd	Strategic review of the Communications Division structure and organisation.	13/09/2011	10/11/2011	$50,039	Panel
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Post Implementation Review services for the Corporate Processes and System Integration Program.	21/12/2011	20/12/2012	$49,335	Panel
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Development and review of letters and correspondence.	27/10/2011	02/12/2011	$75,810	Select
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Specialist services for the enhancement of portfolio, program and project frameworks.	19/09/2011	30/11/2011	$81,598	Panel
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Advice on privacy matters in relation to the implementation of the Service Delivery Reform agenda.	24/02/2012	30/06/2012	$137,500	Direct
Robert Cornall	Review of Legal Services Division.	17/10/2011	16/12/2011	$78,898	Direct
ThinkPlace	Advice on transition from a range of telecommunication contract arrangements to a fully managed service arrangement for the newly integrated department.	20/12/2011	30/06/2012	$109,674	Panel
Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Advice on strategic planning and development of a strategic plan.	09/11/2011	30/06/2012	$205,000	Panel
TOTAL:				**$1,819,050**	

Note: The department conducts ongoing quality assurance to ensure that contracts are classified accurately. Since the response to Question on Notice HSW44 following the February 2012 Additional Estimates hearings, one reported consultancy for KPMG has been reviewed and reclassified as a non-consultancy contractor contract.

b) There are no consultancies planned for this calendar year, as the need for specialist services does not become apparent until specific issues or business needs are identified. All consultancy contracts are reported in the Annual Report at the conclusion of each financial year.