

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Budget Estimates 2013-14, 5/6 & 7 June 2013

Question: E13-072

OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Consultancies

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Smith

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) There were 287 consultancy contracts executed during the period 1 July 2012 to 24 June 2013. A listing of the Department of Health and Ageing consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more is publicly available on AusTender website. It includes the name of the consultant and the method of procurement.

The total value of contracts greater than \$10,000 for consultancies that were executed during the above period is \$65,520,627 (GST inclusive). This includes significant consultancy contracts such as - provision of external evaluations for Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee and an independent evaluation of the headspace National Youth Mental Health program.

- b) Major consultancies planned are included in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan information.

This is available on AusTender at the following link:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.app.view&appuuiid=78766E81-C367-21AA-66C74C6FE98ED22D>