

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-198

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: CONSULTANCIES

Written Question on Notice

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) Has there been any changes in the consultancies are planned for this calendar year since Budget Estimates 2010?
- b) If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

- a) The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on AusTender has undergone major changes in format for the 2010-11 financial year. Whilst the Department has included consultancy information in previous years, there is now no provision or requirement to record consultancy information in the APP. There were four consultancies added to the Department's APP as at 22 October 2010. These additions have been marked with asterisks in Attachment A.
- b) The requirements of the APP require that an APP is published on AusTender by 30 June 2010 (outlined in *Financial Management Guidance 15: Guidance on Procurement Publishing Obligations*). There is no requirement to update this plan throughout the year. However, the Department does undertake quarterly updates, with the most recent updates completed on 22 October 2010.