

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October 2011

Question: E11- 052

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: CONTRACTORS

Senator McKenzie asked:

Since May 2011:

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.
- b) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.
- c) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.
- e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.
- f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.
- g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.
- h) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.
- i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.

Answer:

a) – i)

AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)) is the Commonwealth Government's procurement and contracting Internet site. The Department of Health and Ageing, and its *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* Portfolio Agencies, have listed the details of all their procurement contracts valued at \$10,000 (inc GST) or above on AusTender. As such, if the following organisations have been employed by the Department, or its Agencies, the respective contract details will be listed on AusTender:

- Hawker Britton;
- Shannon's Way;
- John Utting & UMR Research Group;
- McCann-Erickson;

- Cutting Edge;
- Ikon Communications;
- CMAX Communications;
- Boston Consulting Group; and
- McKinsey & Company.

Where the above organisations are being considered for employment, public interest immunity is claimed in respect of further details because it would result in damage to the organisations' commercial interests.