

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 18 OCTOBER 2012 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Contractors – 2011-12

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Question:

For 2011-12:

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).
- i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.
- j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) No.
- c) No.
- d) No.
- e) No.
- f) No.
- g) No.
- h) The Department had the following contracts with Boston Consulting Group in the 2011-12 financial year:

Reference No.	Description of Services	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value (GST Inclusive)
11DHS253 ¹	Development of Blueprint and Principle for DHS Participation Measures.	17/06/11	15/07/11	\$364,000
10DHS161/3 ²	Develop a Capability Maturity Framework using a Strategic Planning Tool.	03/06/11	30/08/11	\$300,000
D021004920 ³	Assistance with the Whole of Government Telecommunications Process.	10/04/12	19/05/12	\$179,906
C000001751 ³	Conduct second annual Government Stakeholder Survey.	14/06/12	30/06/12	\$79,448

Note: The Department conducts ongoing quality assurance to ensure that contracts are classified and reported accurately. The following changes have been identified and corrected:

¹ This Contract Value was previously incorrectly reported as \$365,000.

² Due to an error in the spelling of the vendor name, this contract was not reported in the previous response to Question on Notice HS 76 (Budget Estimates – May 2012).

³ These contracts were published on AusTender after the response to Question on Notice HS 76 was submitted, and were therefore not reported in that response.

- i) No.
- j) All arrangements (valued at \$10,000 or more) for contractors employed by the Department of Human Services are reported and publicly available on AusTender. As the Department engages many thousands of contractors for a variety of purposes during any year, reproducing the information for this response would represent an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Contractor reporting also includes all contracts that are defined as consultancies, which are also reproduced in the response to Question on Notice HS 87 on consultancies