

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Question No: SQ15-000888**

**Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programmes**

**Topic: Consultants**

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**Senator Brown, Carol** asked:

1. Have any external consultants been appointed by the Department in 2015? If so, please provide:
  - a. the date on which they were contracted;
  - b. the duties they have been contracted to do;
  - c. whether or not they are being paid for their work and the amount;
  - d. date of completion of their work or date of expected completion; and
  - e. any departmental staff assigned to assist with the work.

**Answer:**

For the period 1 January to 30 September 2015, the Department of Social Services has entered into 68 contracts for consultancy services.

Details of consultancies undertaken by the Department valued at \$10,000 or more since 1 January 2015 are publicly available on the AusTender website [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

There has been no departmental staff assigned to assist with the work.