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Answers to questions on notice **Environment portfolio**

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Senator Lines asked:

Ms Wiley-Smith: In terms of consultancies, that is something that we do not have information on at the moment. It is not something that we control centrally. It depends on whether the line areas have a particular need for expertise. They go out and test the market and actually employ a company to do a specific task. We can certainly provide more information on that, perhaps on notice.

Answer:

All consultancies at or over \$10,000 (inc GST) for non-corporate Commonwealth entities and \$400,000 for corporate Commonwealth entities (inc GST) are published on AusTender as per mandatory reporting requirements. Details of these consultancies can be found at www.tenders.gov.au.

Under contract reporting requirements set out in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, non-corporate and corporate Commonwealth entities are not required to individually identify contracts under the abovementioned thresholds.