

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 157(a)

Program 1.1

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Topic: Contractors and consultants

Senator McAllister, Jenny asked:

1. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year?

For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- (a) The project or engagement;
- (b) The value of the contract;
- (c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and
- (d) The purpose of the contract.

For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- (a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and
- (b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.

Answer:

1. The attached spreadsheet shows for the 2015-16 financial year:
 - (a) the names of each firm or contractor engaged or with current contracts relating to consultancies;
 - (b) total payments made to each consultant for the 2015-16 financial year; and
 - (c) total expenditure (also published in the [Department's Annual Report](#)).
2. If these contracts are valued at \$10,000 or more, information about the value and purpose of these contracts is published on AusTender (www.tenders.gov.au).
3. It is an unreasonable diversion of resources for the Department to provide details in the other categories requested

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Consultancies for Financial Year 2015-16

Contract Number	Consultant	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Expenditure (including GST)
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Ongoing Contracts

4529449	Minter Ellison Lawyers	7/11/2008	30/06/2016	1,064,505
4533072	KPMG	1/07/2013	30/06/2016	91,240
4533206	Bellewarra Investments Pty Ltd	1/07/2013	30/06/2016	14,909
4533207	LENEARLY PTY LTD	1/07/2013	30/06/2016	30,707
4533563	Henry Davis York Lawyers	23/09/2013	31/12/2015	2,689,780
4533598	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	1/10/2013	30/06/2016	1,802
4533845	Herbert Smith Freehills	23/05/2014	30/06/2016	514,122
4534252	Herbert Smith Freehills	12/03/2015	30/06/2016	4,367
4534253	CONVERGENT CONSULTING	26/03/2015	31/08/2015	17,600
4534272	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS UNIT TRUST	1/04/2015	30/09/2015	1,472
4534338	DLA Piper Australia	15/04/2015	30/06/2016	84,863
4534362	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	1/06/2015	30/12/2015	5,877
4534349	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS UNIT TRUST	5/06/2015	31/07/2015	64,900
4534405	NETWORK STRATEGIES LTD	11/06/2015	14/08/2015	49,350
4534484	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS UNIT TRUST	12/06/2015	14/08/2015	22,550
4534426	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	16/06/2015	31/12/2015	975
4534361	Watermark Search International	18/06/2015	1/09/2015	33,000

Total Ongoing Contracts: 4,692,018

New Contracts

4534462	Watermark Search International	1/07/2015	15/10/2015	38,000
4534459	ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT	21/07/2015	31/08/2015	3,597
4534525	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	23/07/2015	30/06/2016	38,343
4534572	Richard Cobden	28/07/2015	2/10/2015	12,788
4534536	Louw Consulting	5/08/2015	21/10/2015	16,500
4534508	Richard Hooper	11/08/2015	31/12/2015	10,253
4534603	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	1/09/2015	31/12/2015	2,798
4534613	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS UNIT TRUST	1/09/2015	30/11/2015	4,159
4535145	Richard Cobden	7/09/2015	30/06/2016	22,963
4534778	Allens Linklaters	21/09/2015	30/06/2016	249,061
4534597	Swinburne Uni of Tech	22/09/2015	30/10/2015	1,650
4534777	Gerard Goggin	23/09/2015	18/12/2015	4,950
4534724	PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS	9/10/2015	30/11/2015	6,732
4534781	Ian Martin Advisory Pty Ltd	9/10/2015	31/01/2016	30,000
4534835	TAYLOR NELSON SOFRES AUSTRALIA PTY	1/02/2016	9/05/2016	121,000
4534837	Mills Oakley Lawyers	1/02/2016	30/06/2016	6,752
4534937	Synergy Group Australia LTD	1/02/2016	30/05/2016	18,626
4534836	Proximity Advisory Services Pty Ltd	3/02/2016	31/03/2016	19,360
4534875	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	18/02/2016	30/06/2016	2,197
4534894	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	25/02/2016	30/06/2016	10,924
4534898	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	26/02/2016	30/06/2016	5,984
4534965	Helen Watts	26/02/2016	28/05/2016	19,000
4534910	OVUM PTY LTD	4/03/2016	30/06/2016	12,038

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4534990	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS UNIT TRUST	7/03/2016	20/04/2016	11,550
4534944	CONVERGENT CONSULTING	16/03/2016	23/03/2016	7,600
4534940	Rudds Consulting Engineers	18/03/2016	30/04/2016	19,228
4534946	AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SOLICITOR	18/03/2016	30/04/2016	4,060
4535003	De Ridder Consulting Pty Ltd	21/03/2016	30/06/2016	6,600
4535004	Ian Martin Advisory Pty Ltd	21/03/2016	30/06/2016	5,600
4535028	Palomar Designs Pty Ltd	21/03/2016	30/06/2016	6,000
4535009	CONVERGENT CONSULTING	22/04/2016	31/05/2016	5,700
4535020	CONVERGENT CONSULTING	2/05/2016	30/06/2016	5,700
4535125	Forcefield Services	27/05/2016	30/06/2016	5,808
4535275	Data Analysis Australia Pty Ltd	20/06/2016	31/12/2016	24,750
Total New Contracts:				760,270
Total for 2015-16:				5,452,289