

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment and Energy portfolio

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Topic: Expenditure on Contractors and Consultants
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Senator McAllister, Jenny asked:

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

Answer:

Department of the Environment and Energy

The Department's total expenditure on contractors in 2015-16 was \$56.965 million. Total expenditure on consultants in the same period was \$6.079 million. This information is provided in note 1.1B of the 2015-16 Financial Statements which can be found on page 166 of the Department's 2015-16 Annual Report. An electronic copy of the financial statements is available on the Department's website:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/a20f84e9-22c0-4d18-b834-807c737895ad/files/annual-report-2015-16-financial-statements.pdf>

Clean Energy Regulator

Details as to the Clean Energy Regulator's expenditure on contractors and consultants can be found in the Financial Statements published in the agency's 2015-16 Annual Report.

The Annual Report can be found on the Clean Energy Regulator's website at:

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/About/Accountability-and-reporting/Annual-Reports/annual-report-2015-16>.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year are included in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Annual Report 2015-16. An electronic copy of the Annual Report can be found at <http://elibrary.gbrmpa.gov.au/jspui/handle/11017/3059>.

Bureau of Meteorology

The Bureau of Meteorology's total expenditure on contractors in 2015-16 was \$15.1 million. Total expenditure on consultants in the same period of was \$451,000.

This information is provided in note 1.1B of the Bureau of Meteorology's 2015-16 Financial Statements, which can be found on page 163 of the Bureau of Meteorology's Annual Report.

An electronic copy of the financial statements is accessible online at:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/eiab/reports/ar15-16/index.shtml>.

Climate Change Authority

The total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year was \$552,200 (inclusive of GST).

Wind Farm Commissioner

The Wind Farm Commissioner wishes to provide a nil response.

Director of National Parks

Total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year are included in the Director of National Parks 2015-16 Annual Report. An electronic copy of the Annual Report can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/resource/annual-report-2015-16-director-national-parks>.