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Question: BET 721-722

Topic: Consultancies (AOFM)

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Senator Bushby asked:

How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.

How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer:

721. The following new consultancies were let during the period from 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012.

| Consultant | Subject matter | Duration | Estimated Value \$ | Method of procurement |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Australian Government Actuary | Actuarial services for staff leave provisions | < 12 months | 5,500 | Direct sourcing |
| Australian Government Solicitor | Various advices on the application of legislation and court decisions | As required | 36,808 | Direct sourcing |
| Australian Government Solicitor | Probity auditing | As required | 65,000 | Direct sourcing |
| Australian Valuation Office | Assets Valuation for Financial Reporting | < 12 months | 3,300 | Direct sourcing |

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| Australian Health and Safety Services | Health and Safety review | <12 months | 2,310 | Direct sourcing |
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| TOTAL | | | 112,918 | |

722. No significant new consultancies are planned for the current calendar year.