

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS– OCTOBER 2016**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

**Topic:** Staffing Levels

**Senator:** Senator McAllister

**Question reference number:** 226

**Type of question:** Written

**Date set by the Committee for the return of answer:** 2 December 2016

**Number of pages:** 2

**Question:**

**Senator McAllister:**

1. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.
2. 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;
  - d) The purpose of the contract; and
  - e) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.

**Answer:**

1. The Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman spent \$815,093.70 GST inclusive on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.
2. Please see table at [Attachment A](#).