

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Consultancies (ACCC)

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Senator EGGLESTON asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please 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). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
2. 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:

1. Details of ACCC consultancies are published on the ACCC website and the AusTender website. The information is also published each year in the ACCC's Annual Report.
2. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies for the 2010 calendar year. Accordingly it is not possible to ensure all consultancies are published on the Annual Procurement Plan at the commencement of each financial year.