

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: aet 68

Topic: Consultancies (PC)

Hansard Page: Written

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.
3. How much did the department spend on consultants?
4. What percentage of invoices are being paid within 30 days? 60 days? 90 days... etc
5. What percentage of program money is being spent on administration?

Answer:

1 & 3.

Name of Consultant	Subject matter of consultancy	Cost	Duration	Procurement Method
Assoc Prof Joseph Hirschberg, University of Melbourne	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	01/10/07-04/04/08	Direct
Prof John Freebairn, Faculty of Econ and Comm	Referee for review of Commission work	5,500.00	04/12/07-18/01/08	Direct
Professor Jeff Borland, Dept of Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,812.50	30/10/07-29/01/08	Direct
ACIL Tasman Pty Limited	Estimation of compliance costs of business registration regulation	60,049.00	19/12/07-18/03/08	Direct
Dr Peter Abelson, Applied Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	13/07/07-03/03/08	Direct
Associate Professor Kalvinder Shields, Dept of Econs Uni Melb	Referee for review of Commission work	4,000.00	07/03/08-17/03/08	Direct
Prof Brett Inder, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	3,000.00	14/03/08-17/03/08	Direct

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Taylor Nelson Sofres Aust P/L	Conducting business focus groups for the Business Regulation Benchmarking Project	325,001.27	21/01/08-24/06/08	Open Tender
Christopher Murphy, Econtech	Referee for review of Commission work	5,610.00	20/03/08-05/05/08	Direct
David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	20/03/08-05/05/08	Direct
Dr Bob Birrell, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	1,650.00	03/06/08-4/06/08	Direct
Dr Philip Adams, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	3,750.00	28/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
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David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,290.00	28/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
John Zeitsch, Concept Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	4,125.00	23/05/08-05/06/08	Direct
Dr Elizabeth Webster, University of Melbourne	Referee for review of Commission work	2,750.00	06/09/08-06/10/08	Direct
Andrew Smith	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	04/09/08-29/09/08	Direct
Professor Jonathan Pincus	Referee for review of Commission work	2,000.00	23/10/08-31/10/08	Direct
Professor Jonathan Pincus	Referee for review of Commission work	4,000.00	23/10/08-31/10/08	Direct
Professor Kym Anderson, Kym Anderson & Associates	Referee for review of Commission work	1,000.00	10/11/08-26/11/08	Direct
Professor Christopher O'Donnell, Econometric Solutions P/L	Referee for review of Commission work	1,500.00	24/09/08-21/10/08	Direct
Professor Bruce Hollingsworth, Centre for Health Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	1,500.00	24/09/08-25/09/08	Direct
Professor Tim Fry, RMIT University	Referee for review of Commission work	1,000.00	11/03/09-25/03/2009	Direct
Professor Colleen Hayward, Edith Cowan University	Referee for review of Commission work	8,750.00	15/03/09-15/04/09	Direct
Melb Operations Research, Uni of Melbourne	Urban Water Modelling	13,200.00	01/05/09-15/06/09	Direct
Baldwins FoodLegal	Comparison across Aust and NZ food safety legislation for primary production and processing	36,410.00	18/05/09-30/06/09	Direct
Sensis P/L	Surveying the impact of OHS Regulation on SMEs	49,445.00	09/04/09-20/06/09	Direct
David Pearce, Centre for International Economics	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	20/08/09-29/08/09	Direct
Ken Heydon, London School of Economics and Political Science	Referee for review of Commission work	1,800.00	20/08/09-29/08/09	Direct
Professor Paul W Miller, University of Western Australia	Referee for review of Commission work	2,500.00	04/11/09-10/11/09	Direct
Professor James R.G Butler, University of Queensland	Referee for review of Commission work	1,650.00	30/09/09-27/11/09	Direct

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Prof Grafton & Dr Ward, Sustainable Environment Group Pty Ltd	Referee for review of Commission work	3,000.00	22/09/09-07/11/09	Direct
Prof Richard Krever, Monash University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,500.00	17/09/09-18/09/09	Direct
Prof S Richardson, National Institute of Labour Studies Inc	Referee for review of Commission work	1,200.00	27/02/08-30/05/08	Direct
Prof Timothy J Coelli, University of Qld	Referee for review of Commission work	3,300.00	30/09/09-27/11/09	Direct
Prof D Crawford, Deakin University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	06/02/10-08/02/10	Direct
Prof Jim Butler, Australian National University	Referee for review of Commission work	2,400.00	06/02/10-08/02/10	Direct
Dr Robert Breunig	Referee for review of Commission work	5,000.00	01/12/09-31/03/10	Direct
Prof Gordon Macaulay, BRI Research (Formerly BRI Aust P/L)	Referee for review of Commission work	7,200.00	22/09/2009-07/11/09	Direct
Total		595,642.75		

2. No consultancies were included in the Commission's 2009-10 Annual Procurement Plan published on the AusTender website, and no consultancies over the value of \$10,000 have subsequently been undertaken or planned.
4. For the 2008-09 financial year, invoices were paid in the following timeframes:

Within 30 days	97%
30-60 days	3%
5. The Productivity Commission does not administer programs.