

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates 2012

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**Question: AET 731 - 734**

**Topic: Consultancies (PC)**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

731. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?
732. 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.
733. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
734. 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:**

731. The Productivity Commission publishes information on consultancies undertaken in its Annual Reports. Information is also published on AusTender for consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more.
732. Ten consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this financial year (to 31 January 2012) involving expenditure of \$31,964 (GST incl). They are all below \$10,000 and therefore not published on AusTender.
733. At 31 January 2012, there were no significant consultancies planned for the remainder of the calendar year.
734. At 31 January 2012, the Productivity Commission did not have any current tenders on the AusTender website.