

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 707 - 710

Topic: Consultancies (ASIC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

707. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?
708. 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.
709. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
710. 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.

Answers:

707. The number of consultancies over \$10,000 including GST awarded in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 were as follows:

2007-08	69
2008-09	59
2009-10	75

The difference in the number of consultancies from those previously reported for years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 follows a review that identified that some contractor engagements had been incorrectly reported as consultancies. These engagements have now been corrected in AusTender.

708. From 1 July 2011 to 31 January 2012 have been 17 consultancies awarded. Details of 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) are included at Attachment A. This information is also available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au) noting that departments have six weeks to report the procurement contracts on AusTender. The information provided on AusTender includes the supplier name, a description of the consultancy, the start date, the end date, the method of procurement and the contract value. This information can be accessed by selecting "Reports", "Contracts awarded as Consultancies" and entering "ASIC" and the date range. The total value of these consultancies is \$1,375,091.50 (including GST).

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709. At this stage, there are 3 consultancies planned for the remainder of this calendar year together with 3 consultancy panels.
710. Yes, the 2 planned consultancies and 3 consultancy panels have been published in ASIC's Annual Procurement Plan on the Austender website.
(<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.app.view&appuuiid=D99D981B-B4BD-45F5-F9D28A03915FA0F8>)

The subject matter for each proposed arrangement is listed below. The duration, cost and name of the consultant(s) is not known at this time however it is planned that the method of procurement for each arrangement will be an Open approach to market.

Planned Consultancies:

1. Independent evaluation of initiative - Economic or financial evaluation of projects
2. Technical Security Counter Measures

Planned Consultancy Panels:

1. Panel of expert services in teaching subject matter, consumer and financial literacy and educational technology
2. Panel for Computer Forensics Services
3. Panel for Services Engineers - Property

Attachment A: ASIC Consultancies FY 2011/12 Year to Date

Supplier Name	Description	Procurement Method	Consultancy Reason(s)	Start Date	End Date	Value (AUD inc GST)
Orima Research Pty Ltd	ISP2010/22829 Research and Surveys.	Select	Need for independent research or assessment	12-Aug-11	31-Dec-11	42,300.00
SMS Consulting Group Limited	CR007 - Software Development	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	15-Aug-11	2-Feb-12	336,160.00
Doll Martin Associates Pty Ltd	A783545 (2) - Consultancy for High Level IT Reporting 11/12	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-12	142,560.00
Doll Martin Associates Pty Ltd	A783545 - Software Management - Consultancy	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	15-Aug-11	30-Dec-11	75,240.00
UXC Limited	ITS2011/17856 (2) - IT Consultant	Open	Skills currently unavailable within agency	14-Aug-11	26-Aug-11	16,000.00
Usability One	ISP2010/18523 - Conducting user testing on login functionalities	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	7-Jul-11	7-Oct-11	16,170.00
GFK Blue Moon Research & Planning P/L	A716666 - Procurement for provision of research services for consumer testing of the Retirement Guide	Direct	Need for specialised or professional skills	15-Jul-11	14-Sep-11	29,975.00
UXC Limited	ITS2011/17856 - Contractor	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Aug-11	31-Dec-11	74,800.00
Oakton Services Pty Limited	ITS 2009/18851 - Solution Architecture Resource - External Portals	Direct	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Aug-11	30-Sep-11	57,750.00
UXC Limited	ITS2011/962(8) - SOA Interface - Maturity	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Aug-11	20-Oct-11	77,000.00
Objective Corporation Limited	ITS2011/6936 - Consultant - Applink Deployment	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	25-Jul-11	30-Dec-11	92,950.00

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SMS Management and Technology	ITS2011/3889 - Enhancements to ECS	Direct	Need for specialised or professional skills	19-Jul-11	31-Jul-11	16,500.00
INTEC1 PTY LIMITED	ISP2010/37067 - Decommissioning & make good of security systems - at Melbourne	Select	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-12	31,146.50
UXC Limited	ITS2011/962(7) Specialist - ETM Interface	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Aug-11	30-Sep-11	67,760.00
UXC Limited	ITS2011/962-6 - Consultancy - External Portals SOA Developer	Open	Need for specialised or professional skills	14-Jul-11	13-Aug-11	35,200.00
Stratsec.net Pty Ltd	ITS2010/9116 - Portal Security Review	Direct	Need for specialised or professional skills	25-Jul-11	31-Aug-11	14,080.00
Howard Rowland Consulting P/L	ISP2008/11180 - Technical Surveillance Counter measure reviews.	Direct	Need for specialised or professional skills	1-Jul-11	30-Jun-12	249,500.00