

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

31 May – 2 June 2011

Question No: BET 169

Topic: Consultancies

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bushby asked:

How much has the Department spent on consultancy services this financial year? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).

How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since February Estimates 2011? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).

Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?

Has there been any changes in the consultancies that are planned for this calendar year since February Estimates 2011? If yes, 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Could the Department provide a complete list of current consultancy services? For each consultancy, please indicate the rationale for the project and its intended use. For each consultancy, please indicate why the Department or its agencies could not have undertaken the work themselves.

Answer:

The Treasurer has provided the following answer to the honourable Senator's questions:

1. Between 1 July 2010 and 2 June 2011 the Department spent \$5,148,739 on consultancy services. A list of the consultancies is provided in Attachment A.
2. Since 1 March 2011, a total of 105 consultancies have been undertaken or underway. A list of the consultancies is provided in Attachment A.
3. Yes, the Treasury is up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contracts website. The figures available on the website are correct.

4. There have been no changes in the consultancies that are planned for this financial year. The Annual Procurement Plan (APP) remains current.
5. The reason for engagement of each consultancy is provided in Attachment A.

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Consultancies – 1 July 2010 to 2 June 2011

Attachment A

Vendor name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Total value (GST Incl.)	Amount Paid 1/7/2010 to 2/6/2011	Procurement Method*	Engagement Reason*
Financial Sector Services Pty Ltd	Provide specialist advisory support to the Australian Financial Centre Forum (AFCF)	26/09/2008	25/09/2010	514,120	98,320	SS	SKIL
KPMG	Provide tax economics expertise in preparing the Econtech model	22/10/2008	31/01/2011	300,000	150,000	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on preparing disclosure documentation for foreign markets in relation to the Australian Government wholesale funding guarantee	17/11/2008	30/06/2015	4,074,998	281,669	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on car dealer financing arrangements	16/12/2008	30/09/2010	145,000	327	OS	SKIL
KPMG	Provide internal audit services for the HIH Claims Support Scheme	25/02/2009	30/09/2010	87,293	40,128	SS	SKIL
ICON Recruitment Pty Ltd	Provide consultancy services for the Treasury Audit Committee	1/03/2009	31/12/2011	46,944	11,627	SS	SKIL
Pitcher Partners	Provide consultancy services and advice to the Board of Taxation in relation to the Tax Issue Entry System (TIES)	29/06/2009	31/12/2010	10,000	4,727	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice in relation to Financial Advisory Services request for tender	1/07/2009	31/07/2010	11,000	3,506	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice related to international disclosure documents for guarantee of State and Territory borrowing	1/07/2009	28/02/2011	630,008	62,806	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide general FOI legal advice	1/07/2009	30/06/2011	216,000	137,598	OS	SKIL
Blake Dawson	Provide legal advice related to the Tax Issue Entry System	1/07/2009	31/12/2010	10,000	3,940	SS	SKIL
Greenwoods & Freehills Pty Ltd	Provide advice relating to the Tax Issue Entry System	1/07/2009	31/12/2010	10,000	5,254	SS	SKIL
Gutteridge Haskins & Davey Pty Ltd	Childcare feasibility study	27/07/2009	31/07/2010	17,160	16,896	RS	SKIL
ACTSAFE Australia Pty Ltd	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	36,000	5,139	OS	SKIL
CRS Australia	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	31,500	15,340	OS	SKIL
Dupont & Associates Pty Ltd	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	40,500	12,208	OS	SKIL
Healthe Work Pty Ltd	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	40,000	2,005	OS	SKIL
Konekt	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	30,000	2,515	OS	SKIL
Serendipity (WA) Pty Ltd Advance Personnel Mgt	Provide ergonomic assessments/evaluations, rehabilitation services and occupational health and safety training	28/09/2009	30/06/2012	29,000	7,010	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on Standard Business Reporting Trademark Issues	16/11/2009	31/03/2011	112,343	34,105	OS	SKIL
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Taxation & Business Co	Development of a Standard Business Reporting implementation methodology for large business	23/11/2009	31/03/2011	488,000	-	OS	SKIL
Acumen Contracting & Recruitment Pty Ltd	Consultancy - DED database project	27/01/2010	30/06/2011	660,000	383,135	OS	SKIL
Point Project Management Pty Ltd	Provide Engineering consultancy services to the Treasury	8/02/2010	7/02/2013	418,817	324,537	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice related to Financial Services Advisory Panel	4/03/2010	31/08/2010	10,000	374	OS	SKIL
Michael B Evans	Provide consultancy services to assist the Board of Taxation with the promotion and review of the Tax Issues Entry System (TIES)	7/04/2010	31/12/2010	25,000	3,227	SS	SKIL
Ernst & Young	Provide APEC Capacity Building Workshops on Best Practice in PPP Infrastructure Markets	12/04/2010	31/12/2010	103,427	103,427	OS	SKIL
The Shannon Company	Creative Agency services for tax reform information campaign	14/05/2010	14/05/2011	2,400,000	919,078	RS	SKIL
Open Mind Research Group	Provide market research services for tax reform information campaign	18/05/2010	30/06/2011	972,763	-	RS	SKIL
University of Melbourne	Provide specialist financial sector policy advice and training	24/05/2010	30/06/2011	75,325	3,300	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on challenge to Section 50 of ASIC Act	25/05/2010	30/06/2011	150,000	7,321	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on taxation of resources	31/05/2010	10/11/2010	9,900	9,623	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on use of excess National Guarantee Fund Funds	4/06/2010	30/09/2010	2,478	2,477	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on National Health and Hospital Network	4/06/2010	31/03/2011	16,365	13,517	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide tied legal advice on directors' liabilities	10/06/2010	31/10/2010	7,700	7,700	SS	SKIL
Richard St John	Provide consultancy services for an inquiry into the need for a statutory compensation scheme for investors	14/06/2010	30/06/2011	85,000	74,000	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal representation at Administrative Appeals Tribunal	15/06/2010	28/02/2011	50,000	27,612	OS	SKIL
Zalcom Pty Limited	Purchase of Renewal of Enterprise Vault E - Discovery Software	28/06/2010	27/06/2011	12,580	-	RS	SKIL
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Provide advice on Investor Manager Regime	11/08/2010	31/01/2011	12,669	12,669	OS	SKIL
Wise Technology Management	Collaboration and Information Sharing Project - Implementation of Sharepoint 2010	2/09/2010	30/11/2010	50,000	42,296	SS	SKIL
Clayton Utz	Legal Services Relating to HIH Claims Support Scheme	07/09/2010	05/09/2012	44,000	19,028	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services Relating to Cost Recovery for Litigation Process	10/09/2010	30/06/2011	12,000	9,740	OS	SKIL
Richard Vann	Assist the Board of Taxation in its review of the tax treatment of Collective Investment Vehicles	14/09/2010	31/12/2011	70,000	17,229	SS	SKIL
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd	Inspection - Type 1 Alarm System	15/09/2010	30/06/2011	5,040	5,040	OS	SKIL
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Consultancy services for research and reports for Australian Financial Centre Taskforce	20/09/2010	30/06/2011	76,000	46,860	RS	SKIL
Ernst & Young	Provide accounting advice on Sino Strategic International Ltd.	22/09/2010	29/09/2010	15,300	8,976	RS	SKIL
Ernst & Young	Provide accounting advice on BBX Property Investment Fund Ltd	22/09/2010	29/09/2010	15,300	13,464	RS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice on application pursuant to Foreign Acquisitions Takeovers Act 1975	12/10/2010	30/06/2011	9,015	4,998	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide tied legal services on s114 of the Constitution	20/10/2010	31/01/2011	2,024	1,670	SS	SKIL
Infront Systems	Provide consultancy services relating to replacement of the PABX	04/11/2010	31/10/2011	79,500	51,123	RS	SKIL
ROAM Consulting Pty Ltd	Analysis of Electricity Generation Sector	05/11/2010	30/06/2011	308,352	-	RS	SKIL
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd	Provide consultancy services relating to the analysis of electricity generation sector	05/11/2010	30/06/2011	162,907	81,906	RS	SKIL
Sweeney Research Pty Ltd	Provide a National Consumer Survey for Standing Committee of Officials on Consumer Affairs	05/11/2010	31/05/2011	327,888	230,000	RS	SKIL
Rebecca Mescal Millar	Provide consultancy services on the GST Cross Border discussion	5/11/2010	25/11/2010	4,500	4,500	SS	SKIL

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Monash University	Provide computable general equilibrium modelling	08/11/2010	30/06/2011	79,000	44,854	SS	SKIL
GfK Blue Moon Research & OSanning	Provide market research services for the Education Tax Refund Communication Campaign	11/11/2010	30/08/2011	660,000	473,660	RS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice on Private Interest Declarations under the Trade Practices Act	15/11/2010	18/11/2010	1,865	1,367	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice in relation to proposed amendments to the Tax Laws Amendment	16/11/2010	31/12/2010	3,550	3,491	OS	SKIL
CSIRO Discovery	Provide modelling of the Transportation Sector	17/11/2010	30/06/2011	59,950	-	SS	SKIL
Vinten Browning	Provide creative agency services to support the Education Tax Refund Communication Campaign	22/11/2010	30/06/2011	996,815	695,949	RS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on legal professional privilege	23/11/2010	31/01/2011	5,368	5,251	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice relating to Treasury fitout request for tender	26/11/2010	30/06/2011	3,850	2,075	OS	SKIL
KPMG - Canberra	Provide Internal Audit Services	01/12/2010	12/10/2011	359,289	124,321	OS	SKIL
KPMG - Canberra	Provide Internal Audit Services for the HIH Claims	07/12/2010	30/09/2011	55,252	-	OS	SKIL
Bernard William Fraser	Conduct an account portability feasibility study	13/12/2010	30/06/2011	77,000	-	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice on constitutional issues pertaining to the design of the Regional Infrastructure Fund	13/12/2010	17/12/2010	9,350	1,846	SS	SKIL
Bizjay Pty Limited	Provide consultancy services to Tax System Advisory Board	17/12/2010	30/06/2011	5,000	-	SS	SKIL
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Review of the Tax Design Review Panel recommendations for the Board of Tax	5/01/2011	30/06/2011	20,000	-	SS	SKIL
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Provide assistance to Post Implementation Review of the Tax Design Review Panel	05/01/2011	30/09/2011	20,000	282	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice for Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) request for tender	14/01/2011	28/04/2011	9,900	7,700	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide legal advice regarding a report on the review of the superannuation funds	24/01/2011	30/06/2011	8,800	-	OS	SKIL
Hall and Partners	Banking reform community awareness and education campaign 'Bank on a Better Deal' 2011	24/01/2011	31/12/2011	369,578	297,284	RS	INDP
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide constitutional advice on public health insurance rebate charges	25/01/2011	30/04/2011	14,394	14,394	SS	SKIL
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	Provide advice relating to the transfer of public health funding responsibilities to the Commonwealth	2/02/2011	31/03/2011	737,172	23,171	OS	SKIL
IPP Consulting Pty Ltd	Provide security risk review of portfolio agencies	07/02/2011	30/06/2011	38,390	22,880	OS	INDP
Chris Harvey Consulting	Provide technical consultancy services for Compressed Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas standards	24/02/2011	2/03/2011	8,800	7,975	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide tied legal advice on taxation of resources	1/03/2011	28/03/2011	2,024	-	SS	SKIL
Blake Dawson	Provide legal advice and training relating to Intellectual Property	07/03/2011	30/09/2011	36,633	20,185	OS	SKIL
General Advisory Pty Ltd	Natural Disaster Insurance Review for damage or loss associated with flood and other disasters	15/03/2011	30/06/2011	52,000	30,956	SS	SKIL
Clayton Utz	Provide legal advice on property law relating to mining & petroleum products	18/03/2011	01/05/2011	22,000	-	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	FOI presentation	05/04/2011	30/04/2011	817	733	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice on taxation of resources	07/04/2011	30/04/2011	1,914	-	OS	SKIL
Blake Dawson	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	-	SS	SKIL
Bruce Herbert Pascoe	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	-	SS	SKIL
Corrs Chambers Westgarth	Provide taxation advice on Capital Gains Tax	07/04/2011	30/04/2011	5,500	5,500	OS	SKIL
DLA Phillips Fox	Provide technical taxation advice on Capital Gains Tax Policy Proposal	07/04/2011	30/04/2011	8,100	8,100	OS	SKIL
Greenwoods & Freehills Pty Ltd	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	-	SS	SKIL
Jennifer Batrouney	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	-	SS	SKIL
KPMG - Canberra	Provide advice on GST and Healthy Insurance	07/04/2011	15/04/2011	5,442	-	OS	SKIL
Michael Brian Evans	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	705	SS	SKIL
Pitcher Partners	Provide advice on the Tax Issues Entry System	07/04/2011	31/12/2011	3,750	705	SS	SKIL
Pitcher Partners	Provide advice on GST Instalment System	07/04/2011	30/04/2011	4,004	4,004	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice on alternative fuel excise	14/04/2011	31/05/2011	2,393	-	SS	SKIL
Greenwoods & Freehills Pty Ltd	Provide advice on tax consolidation rights	14/04/2011	31/05/2011	75,900	-	OS	SKIL
DLA Phillips Fox	Provide legal advice about the closure of HIH Claims Support Scheme and HIH Claims Support Ltd	18/04/2011	30/06/2011	23,100	-	OS	SKIL
Open Mind Research Group	Procurement of services to conduct product research for Standard Business Reporting	18/04/2011	30/06/2011	109,615	27,404	OS	SKIL
Vinten Browning	Banking Reform Community Awareness Campaign	29/04/2011	30/06/2012	2,828,000	-	RS	SKIL
Ian Robinson	Manage the 2012 Graduate intake and intern process	01/05/2011	31/10/2011	30,000	-	SS	SKIL
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Tax Design Advisory Services for the Review of Australia's Transfer Pricing Rules & Treaty Prices	05/05/2011	09/11/2011	30,000	-	OS	SKIL
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd	Treasury fitout review	11/05/2011	20/05/2011	6,292	-	OS	INDP

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Attachment A

Vendor name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Total value (GST Incl.)	Amount Paid 1/7/2010 to 2/6/2011	Procurement Method*	Engagement Reason*
Australian Government Solicitor	Provide probity advice in relation to tender process	11/05/2011	24/06/2011	9,900	-	OS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice on policy options	15/05/2011	31/05/2011	2,354	-	SS	SKIL
Australian Government Solicitor	Tied legal advice regarding Future of Financial Advice	19/05/2011	31/05/2011	3,350	-	SS	SKIL
John Phillip Rogers	Provide consultancy services for Natural Insurance Review	20/05/2011	31/05/2011	4,000	-	SS	SKIL
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty Ltd	Review and certification of data centre and comms room	30/05/2011	17/06/2011	7,980	-	OS	INDP
Ogilvy & Mather (Sydney) Pty Ltd	Services provided by a Culturally & Linguistically Diverse communication specialist for Banking Reform Ca	01/06/2011	30/06/2012	248,963	-	OS	SKIL
<b>Total</b>				<b>20,159,816</b>	<b>5,148,739</b>		
						<b>*Procurement Method</b>	
						OS	Open Tender
						RS	Select Tender
						SS	Direct Source
						<b>*Engagement Reason</b>	
						SKIL	Special skills and knowledge not available in-house
						INDP	The need for an independent study or review