

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

CSS/PSS BOARD

Estimates 2004-05 –Additional written questions February 2005

Question: F36

Outcome: CSS/PSS Board 1

Topic: Consultancies

Written Question on Notice: 21 February 2005

Senator Carr asked:

Please provide a table listing details of all consultancies for the 2003/04 financial year, for the department and all associated agencies within the portfolio. Please include the following:

- the costs for all completed consultancies, both budgeted and actual;
- the costs for ongoing consultancies, both budgeted and for the current financial year;
- the total costs for all consultancies, both the amount expended in the current financial year, and the total budgeted value of all consultancies running in the current financial year;
- the nature and purpose of the consultancy;
- the method by which the contract was let; and,
- the name and details of the company and/or individual who is carrying out, or carried out, the contract.

Answer:

The following tables show all PSS and CSS Board administration consultancies with a value of \$10,000 or more for the 2003-04 and 2004-05 financial years. The Boards consider that it would be a significant diversion of resources to provide information on all consultancies under this threshold.

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The consultancies for the 2003-04 financial year are as follows:

Consultant Name	Description	Value \$	Selection Method
Allens Arthur Robinson	Legal advice on various Fund investments.	25,468	Select Tender
Adcorp Green	Communications development and advice	322,353	Select Tender
Blake Dawson Waldron	Legal advice on investments and scheme administration	39,014	Select Tender
Bronwyn McNaughton	Assist the Boards in meeting ASIC, APRA and other compliance requirements.	42,254	Select Tender
Cath King & Associates	Taxation advice and taxation compliance services in respect of the Boards and Funds.	104,753	Select Tender
Cost Effective Measurement	Benchmarking services in respect of the Funds.	22,000	Select Tender
Corporate Governance International	Proxy voting services.	49,500	Select Tender
Ernst & Young, Sydney	Internal audit advice.	69,975	Available firms invited to tender.
Ernst & Young, Canberra	Development and preparation of Boards Fraud Control Plans	14,701	Select Tender
Ferrier, Hodgson	Review of CSS Fund investment transactions	270,506	Select Tender
Grant Samuel Corporate Finance	Advice regarding certain Fund investments.	15,400	Select Tender
Mallesons	Legal advice on various Fund investments and scheme administration matters.	92,922	Select Tender
Morris Walker	Communications development and advice. Preparation of annual publications.	469,700	Select Tender
Peter Carrigy-Ryan	Advice on compliance and other ad hoc matters.	89,499	Select Tender
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Taxation advisory and tax agent services to the Boards and Funds.	296,904	Select Tender
Rice Walker Actuaries	Actuarial advice in respect of the CSS Fund.	17,050	Select Tender
Total PSS and CSS Consultancies		1,941,999	

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Consultant Name	Description	Value \$	Selection Method
Allens Arthur Robinson	Legal advice on various Fund investments.	27,805	Select Tender
Adcorp Green	Communications development and advice	39,796	Select Tender
Blake Dawson Waldron	Legal advice on various investments and scheme administration matters	49,608	Select Tender
Bronwyn McNaughton	Assist the Boards in meeting ASIC, APRA and other compliance requirements.	50,000 Ongoing	Select Tender
Cath King & Associates	Taxation advice and taxation compliance services in respect of the Boards and Funds.	118,847 Ongoing	Select Tender
Cato Purnell	Communications development & advice	100,000 Ongoing	Select tender
Cost Effective Measurement	Benchmarking services in respect of the Funds.	22,000	Select Tender
Corporate Governance International	Proxy voting services.	51,700 Ongoing	Select Tender
Ernst & Young, Sydney	Internal audit advice.	73,425 Ongoing	Available firms invited to tender
Galileo Kaleidoscope	Communications development & advice.	257,000 Ongoing	Select Tender
Grant Samuel Corporate Finance	Advice regarding certain Fund investments.	22,000 Ongoing	Select Tender
Hamilton Partners	Recruitment services.	78,923	Select Tender
Henry Davis York	Legal advice on various Fund investments and scheme administration matters.	25,000	Select Tender
Kaz Technology Services P/L	IT support and maintenance services	20,000 Ongoing	Select Tender
Kaz Technology Services P/L	IT systems – hardware and software upgrade (including cost of hardware and software)	366,067	Select Tender
Mallesons	Legal advice on various Fund investments and scheme administration matters.	68,791	Select Tender
Mercer Human Resources	Professional actuarial services.	22,137	Select Tender
Morris Walker	Communications development and advice. Preparation of annual publications.	27,050	Select Tender

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Orima Research	Member communications research	17,380	Select Tender
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Taxation advisory and tax agent services to the Boards and Funds.	162,097 Ongoing	Select Tender
Professional Careers Australia	Recruitment services	25,607	Select Tender
Publicity Works	Communications development and advice	45,456	Select Tender
Rice Walker Actuaries	Actuarial advice in respect of the insurance arrangements for the PSS accumulation plan.	99,395	Select Tender
Total PSS and CSS Consultancies		1,770,084	