

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- 1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. 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.**

Answer:

1. 2007-08 13; 2008-09 11; 2009-10 14.

2. 13 consultancies have been undertaken (commenced) during the 2011-12 financial year to date and are listed below.

Name	Subject matter	Duration (days)	Contract Price	Method of procurement
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Advice on MPC statutory responsibilities entitlement review	215	96,800	Select tender off open approach panel
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	Employment related matter	10	24,640	Direct sourcing

Name	Subject matter	Duration (days)	Contract Price	Method of procurement
Courage Partners	Evaluation services for capability reviews	61	33,000	Select tender
Egan Associates Pty Ltd	Work value study of federal parliamentary backbencher	120	257,900	Select tender
Evolve Studios Pty Ltd	Career Journey Elearning Program	219	35,695	Select tender
Meryl Stanton	Review of the Review of Action function	50	23,000	Select tender
Oakton Services Pty Ltd	Review of the ACT Public Sector Management Program (financial position)	166	6,000	Select tender off open approach panel
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Senior Reviewer	73	110,000	Direct sourcing
Right Management Consultants P/L	Employee engagement, retention and attraction	30	18,544	Select tender off open approach panel
Vantage Point Consulting Pty Ltd	Design and delivery of Talent Development Program	347	635,300	Open tender
WHON Pty Ltd	Senior Reviewer	73	110,000	Direct sourcing
Workplace Research Associates Pty Ltd	Review of SES work level standards	203	5,280	Select tender off open approach panel
Workplace Research Associates Pty Ltd	To conduct a structural review of the Product and Services Group	160	55,605	Select tender off open approach panel
Total			1,411,764	

3. The APSC's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) contains two planned procurements where the design and development components of these procurements may be a consultancy:

- a) Design, develop and deliver APS Talent Management system; and
- b) Development and delivery of SES leadership development interventions (several).

The talent management system has had two separate open tenders published on Austender. The result of the first tender is disclosed below.

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Vantage Point Consulting Pty Ltd	Design and delivery of Talent Development Program	347	635,300	Open tender

The second tender process for talent management has yet to be finalised.

The planned procurement for SES leadership development interventions has not gone to tender to date, so no details are available.