

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 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 - four consultancies were undertaken  
 2008- 09 – three consultancies were undertaken  
 2009- 10 – two consultancies were undertaken
2. Four consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date with total value of \$137,556 (inc GST). Details are as below:

			Total value	137,556.00	
consultant name	description	start date	completion date	contract price (GST inc)	selection method
Oakton services Pty Ltd	review on Internal Budget	1/07/2011	18/07/2011	15,840.00	Direct
Centre for Public Management Pty Ltd	advice on a staffing matter	1/07/2011	12/08/2011	12,716.00	Direct
Fellows Medlock Associates Pty Ltd	advice on SES officers terms and condition negotiations	7/11/2011	30/03/2012	30,000.00	Direct
Robert Cook Barrister at Law	legal advice employment relation issues	10/01/2012	30/06/2013	79,000.00	Direct

3. Two consultancies are planned for this calendar year. It has not been put in our APP as its value is estimated to be less than \$80,000.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Duration</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Procurement Method</i>
PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia	Internal audit	180 days	\$40000	Panel arrangement
Unknown	Determine the costs of office activities	150 days	\$60,000	Direct