

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2010

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Consultancies**

Question: **P 16 a)–d)**

Written: **Senator Barnett**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 9 July 2010**

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? 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).
- b) Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total *spending* on consultancies and also *value of contracts awarded*? Provide total figures since November 2007 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.
- c) Is the Department/agency up to date with its reporting requirements on the Government's tenders and contacts website? Are the figures available on that site correct?
- d) 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, projected cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

**All answers should be current at the time the answer is submitted.**

#### Answer

- a) DPS has 68 consultancies that have been undertaken or are underway since 1 November 2007. The required details are listed on the Attachment.
- b) The required details are listed on the Attachment. The increase in expenditure in the latter 2 years is substantially related to the increased level of capital improvements for Parliament House. The works include a backlog of projects from previous years, as well as current projects. The works comprise improvements to the building, energy systems, IT systems, security systems and broadcast equipment.
- c) Yes and Yes
- d) At the time the 2009-10 Annual Procurement Plan (**APP**) was published, there were no planned consultancies that meet the requirements for publishing in the APP and thus none were published. Most of DPS consultancies are either under the APP reporting threshold or relate to Parliament House building works, and because DPS has panel arrangements in place for these services they are not required to be published in the APP.

## Attachment

## DPS Consultancies 1 November 2007- 18 June 2010

**Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: 1 Nov 2007-30 June 2008**

Name of consultant	Nature and purpose of consultancy	Start Date	End Date	Contract price (GST inclusive)	Expenditure 1/11/07-30/06/08 (GST inclusive)	Selection process
accessUTS Pty Ltd	Pest control consultant	13-Nov-07	16-Nov-07	\$15,477	\$15,477	Direct
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice	18-Dec-07	30-Jun-08	\$23,428	\$23,428	Panel
Blake Dawson	Legal Advice	18-Dec-07	30-Jun-08	\$52,652	\$52,652	Panel
EMC Global Holdings Company	Project - DP-07-014 Design solution for electorate office file servers	07-Mar-08	11-Mar-08	\$32,977	\$32,000	Direct
Foodservice Consultants Aust P/L	Valuation of and report on catering equipment	11-Jun-08	12-Jun-08	\$60,462	\$60,462	Direct
Grey Advantage Consulting P/L	Advice regarding catering	28-Nov-07	06-Feb-08	\$21,802	\$21,802	Direct
Integ Communication Solutions P/L	Transition in of new facilities management contractor	27-Feb-08	30-Apr-08	\$115,359	\$115,359	Open
Minter Ellison	Legal Advice	13-Feb-08	13-Jun-08	\$32,920	\$32,920	Panel
Yarrimbah Consulting Pty Ltd	Review of actions re performance management assessment ratings	21-Apr-08	21-Apr-08	\$19,800	\$19,800	Restricted
<b>Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: 1 Nov 2007-30 June 08 (GST inclusive) -</b>				<b>\$374,877</b>	<b>\$373,900</b>	
<b>Number of Consultancies: period : 1 Nov 07 to 30 Jun 08</b>				<b>9</b>		

**Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: 1 July 2008-30 June 2009**

Name of consultant	Nature and purpose of consultancy	Start Date	End Date	Contract price (GST inclusive)	Expenditure 2008-09 (GST inclusive)	Selection process
AECOM Australia Pty Ltd (Bassett Consulting Engineers)	Electronic systems review	07-Nov-08	31-Jul-09	\$26,499	\$13,939	Restricted
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice	18-Dec-08	31-Jul-09	\$125,682	\$116,005	Panel
Australian Public Service Commission	Career Transition Advice	30-Mar-09	30-Jun-09	\$15,400	\$15,400	Direct
Australian Valuation Office	Valuation of Assets 2007-08	03-Jul-08	03-Jul-08	\$7,000	\$7,000	Direct
Blake Dawson	Legal Advice	07-Mar-08	30-Jun-09	\$99,101	\$66,418	Panel
CRS Australia	Disability Access Audit of APH	08-Dec-08	15-Dec-08	\$18,370	\$18,370	Restricted
Davidson Trahaire Corpsych Pty Ltd	Employee Assistance Program - Services 2008	01-Oct-08	30-Jun-09	\$25,802	\$25,802	Open
Dysen Pty Limited	Fire Protection System Review	12-Nov-08	31-Jul-09	\$6,688	\$6,688	Restricted
Egan National Valuers	Venue hire review	30-Jun-08	31-Jul-08	\$8,800	\$8,800	Restricted
Foodservice Consultants Australia Pty Ltd	Transition in and out support for Catering contractors	10-Jul-08	10-Jul-08	\$48,951	\$29,151	Direct
Grey Advantage Consulting Pty Ltd	Financial advice for Catering Contracts	07-Jul-08	13-Mar-09	\$59,135	\$59,135	Direct
HBO EMTB Interiors (ACT) Pty Ltd	Basement & Accommodation and storage review	18-Nov-08	31-Jul-09	\$130,108	\$110,389	Restricted
LFA (ACT) Pty Ltd	Project WM-1738 - HoR Chamber enhancements	15-Apr-09	30-Nov-09	\$82,720	\$21,615	Restricted
Marloc Engineering & Car Repairs	Engineering review of cargo trailers	09-Jul-08	31-Jul-08	\$21,859	\$21,859	Direct
Minter Ellison	Legal Advice	06-Jun-08	30-Jun-09	\$97,410	\$74,312	Panel
National Safety Council of Australia Limited	Roof access safety system investigation	27-Feb-09	31-Jul-09	\$34,155	\$17,078	Restricted
Northrop Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd	Project advice, WM-1719 HoR archive. Advice floor loadings Library, Queens Terrace pergola	06-Aug-08	17-Jun-09	\$31,416	\$30,800	Panel
Orima Research P/L	DPS Staff Survey	20-Feb-09	13-Feb-09	\$27,583	\$27,583	Direct
Parsons Brinkerhoff Australia	Provision of energy audit services	05-Nov-08	24-Mar-09	\$94,299	\$94,299	Open

Peckvonhartel	Project WM 1699 Security Upgrade Point One Entry	23-Dec-08	31-Jul-09	\$80,938	\$62,392	Open
RD Gossip Pty Ltd	Project 1729 Parliament Drive one way road upgrade design	06-Nov-08	31-Jul-09	\$68,502	\$62,317	Direct
Redbox Design Group	Review of the Parliament House landscape	11-Sep-07	31-Jul-08	\$38,258	\$16,258	Direct
SAI Global Vic	SafetyMap Certification Audit	20-May-09	18-May-09	\$34,517	\$34,517	Restricted
SCG Consulting Pty Ltd	Project - DP-08-004 Upgrade to Peoplesoft	05-Dec-08	29-Nov-08	\$16,940	\$16,940	Direct
Siller Systems Administration	Siller Systems DIRKS consultancy	09-Oct-08	10-Oct-08	\$5,940	\$5,940	Direct
Sinclair Knight Merz (ACT)	Project WM-1725 Mail screening feasibility and WM-1720 Roof security	02-Dec-08	12-Feb-09	\$86,900	\$86,900	Restricted
Sparke Helmore Lawyer	Legal Advice	07-Jul-08	30-Jun-09	\$20,833	\$20,833	Panel
Trident Media Partners	Consultancy for Broadcasting services	03-Mar-09	14-Mar-09	\$17,269	\$17,269	Direct
<b>Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: Financial Year 2008/2009 (GST inclusive) -</b>				<b>\$1,331,075</b>	<b>\$1,088,009</b>	
<b>Number of Consultancies: period - Financial Year 2008/2009</b>				<b>28</b>		
<b>Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: 1 July 2009-18 June 2010</b>						
<b>Name of consultant</b>	<b>Nature and purpose of consultancy</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Contract price (GST inclusive)</b>	<b>Expenditure 2009-10 (GST inclusive)</b>	<b>Selection process</b>
Altus Page Kirkland	Project WM-1754 QS services Aussies kitchen	02-Mar-10	20-May-10	\$16,610	\$10,450	Restricted
Arup Pty Limited	Review of Maintenance Services	16-Nov-09	04-Dec-09	\$62,276	\$62,276	Restricted
Australian Valuation	Valuation Building	29-Mar-10	31-May-10	\$7,600	\$0	Direct
Bligh Voller Nield	Project WM-1753 Design additional office accommodation	07-Apr-10	28-Jun-10	\$368,132	\$331,753	Panel
Centre for Public Management	Investigation	16-Jul-09	04-Jun-10	\$74,029	\$50,633	Direct
Clement Consulting Se	Project WM-1688 Fuel tanks Consulting Services	08-Jun-10	15-Jun-10	\$14,953	\$14,953	Select
Compair (Australasia)	Air demand audit	07-Aug-09	13-Aug-09	\$6,930	\$6,930	Direct
Donald Cant Watts Corke Pty Ltd	Project WM-1724 Childcare centre Quantity Surveyor	07-Jul-09	30-Jun-10	\$8,131	\$8,131	Restricted
GHD - Gutteridge Haskins & Davey	WM 1725 - Mail screening room Design Phase	14-Aug-09	13-Aug-09	\$74,910	\$55,843	Panel
Grey Advantage Consulting P/L	Catering Contract Consultants	07-Sep-09	31-Mar-10	\$40,656	\$40,656	Direct
Guida Moseley Brown P/L	Project WM-1756 Reflection pool barrier- Design Services	10-Jul-09	13-Nov-09	\$48,638	\$48,638	Panel
HBO EMTB Interiors (ACT) Pty Ltd	Project WM-1755 Security doors pt 2&3 Detailed design	06-Oct-09	20-Jun-10	\$142,149	\$94,472	Panel
Honeywell Limited	Project WM 1699 Security Upgrade Point One Entry	18-Jan-10	28-Feb-10	\$22,880	\$22,880	Direct
Interaction Consulting Group	Training provider	17-Jun-10	23-Jun-10	\$29,925	\$0	Panel
IT Power (Australia) Pty Ltd	Project WM-1765 Solar pannels Trial Specification	08-Apr-10	30-Jun-10	\$77,660	\$22,000	Direct
LB International Pty Ltd	WM-1763-24 Car Park - Barrier Design	27-May-10	04-Jun-10	\$16,500	\$16,500	Direct
Manteena Pty Ltd	Project Consultants WM-1687 Chamber galleries, WM-1676 Public toilets	17-Feb-10	24-Feb-10	\$61,820	\$49,005	Restricted
Northrop Engineers Pty Ltd	Project WM-1763- Engineering advice Security projects	10-Jul-09	28-May-10	\$39,615	\$21,355	Panel
Orima Research P/L	Branch reports - DPS staff survey	17-Jul-09	17-Jul-09	\$5,500	\$5,500	Panel
Oztime Technologies	Project WM1699 Point 1 Bollard design	17-Jul-09	16-Jul-09	\$20,625	\$20,625	Direct
R D Gossip Pty Ltd	Project WM-1763 - Traffic Design and car park	24-Feb-10	25-May-10	\$55,990	\$44,964	Direct

Rider Levett Bucknall ACT P/L	Project WM-1735 QS for Staff cafeteria	09-Nov-09	18-Dec-09	\$12,892	\$12,892	Restricted
Rudds Consulting Engi	Project WM 1754 Aussies kitchen - engineering consultancy	03-Mar-10	20-May-10	\$51,040	\$35,640	Panel
SAI Global Limited	SafetyMAP surveillance audit	09-Dec-09	01-Mar-10	\$14,391	\$14,314	Direct
Sangster Design Group	Project WM-1754 Aussies kitchen - Kitchen Consultant	09-Feb-10	09-Feb-10	\$22,000	\$22,000	Select
Signet Group International P/L	Consultancy - AFP-UP Services	29-Jul-09	31-Oct-09	\$32,794	\$32,794	Direct
Sinclair Knight Merz	Project WM 1722 Roof power design and Water audit	06-Jul-09	02-Nov-09	\$87,325	\$87,325	Panel
Steensen Varming (Australia) P/L	Project WM-1714 Base load Chiller design and Trigeneration study	24-Aug-09	30-Jun-10	\$487,080	\$146,286	Panel
Webb Australia Group (ACT) Pty Ltd	Project WM-1751 Power factor correction specification	25-Aug-09	04-Sep-09	\$26,950	\$26,950	Direct
WSP Lincolne Scott Pty Ltd	Project WM-1760 HVAC controls upgrade Technical advisor	21-Oct-09	26-Oct-09	\$11,000	\$1,301	Direct
Xact Project Consulta	Project WM-1753 Additional office accommodation	05-Jan-10	31-Mar-10	\$11,000	\$3,713	Direct
<b>Consultancy Contract Value and Expenditure: Financial Year 2009/2010 (GST inclusive) -</b>				<b>\$1,951,999</b>	<b>\$1,310,777</b>	
<b>Number of Consultancies: period - Financial Year 2009/2010</b>				<b>31</b>		

**Explanation of selection process terms:**

- Direct:** A single potential supplier is invited to bid because of their unique expertise and their special ability to supply the services sought.
- Restricted:** A number of potential suppliers are invited to bid because of their unique expertise and their special ability to supply the services sought.
- Open:** An opportunity for any potential supplier to bid to supply the services sought.
- Panel:** An arrangement under which a number of suppliers, usually selected through a single procurement process, may each supply services to the Department as specified in the panel arrangements. This category includes standing offers and supplier panels where the consultant offers to supply services for a pre-determined length of time, usually at a pre-arranged price.