

**PM69: Consultancies**

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007?
- b) 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).
- c) 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.
- d) 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?
- e) 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.

**The Archives' response:**

- a) The Archives is required to report contracts (including for consultancies) where the contract value is \$10,000 or more on AusTender, the government's tender and procurement reporting system. Accordingly, the number of consultancies undertaken or underway since November 2007 is available on AusTender, noting that agencies have 6 weeks to report such contracts.
- b) From 3 September 2007, departments and agencies have been required to include on AusTender details of those contracts which are consultancies including the name of the consultant, subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract and the method of procurement.
- c) The total value of consultancies is available on AusTender and also reported in the Archives' annual reports. For 2007-08, this information is available on page 155 and for 2008-09, on pages 135-137. The 2009-10 annual report is not yet available.
- d) Yes, the Archives' reporting of contracts (including consultancies) on AusTender is up-to-date and accurate.
- e) Consultancies planned for 2010-11 are available on AusTender in the Archives' Annual Procurement Plan (APP).