

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2010–11 (May 2010)**

**PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO**

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

**Senator:** Senator Barnett  
**Question reference number:** PM 69  
**Type of question:** Written  
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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 contracts 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:**

Note: This question is similar to that asked on 2 July 2009 question no. 1873.

a) and b) Details of consultancies:

Name	Subject matter	Duration	Cost \$	Method of procurement	Completed Y/N	Ongoing Y/N
McPherson Consulting Pty Ltd	Own Motion investigation into the administration of the CDDA Scheme by specified agencies	9 April 2008 to 30 April 2009	22,275	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
Courage Partners Pty Ltd	Development and delivery of performance audit training	26 February 2008 to 30 June 2008	16,500	Select Tender	Y	N
Instinct and Reason Pty Ltd	Market research services	30 May 2008 to 15 August 2008	104,610	Select Tender	Y	N
Tony Blunn	Consultancy services relating to a complaint made to the Ombudsman	1 August 2008 to 1 November 2008	30,000	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
Objective Corporation Ltd	IT Consultancy Services Contract	6 November 2008 to 30 June 2010	347,497	Open Tender	N	Y
Data Analysis Aust Pty Ltd	Consulting services relating to own motion investigation into polling methodology	1 November 2008 to 30 November 2008	5,000	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
Orima Research Pty Ltd	Staff Survey 2009	23 December 2008 to 30 April 2009	19,844	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
WalterTurnbull	Internal Audit Services	2 April 2007 to 31 October 2011	170,000	Open Tender	N	Y

DezignTeam	Fitout Tender and Contract Administration of Level 5, Childers Square	10 February 2010 to 30 June 2010	29,700	Direct Sourcing	N	Y
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Childers Square lease	16 September 2009 to 18 December 2009	13,772	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
Mallesons Stephen Jaques	Childers Street fitout	3 February 2010 to 26 March 2010	8,542	Direct Sourcing	Y	N
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>					

Cost of consultancies is published in the office's annual report.

2008–09                   \$236295

2009–10 to date       \$135999

c)     Yes

d)     Details of consultancies planned for this calendar year:

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>	<b>Published in APP</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Contract Cost</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>
Unknown	Client satisfaction survey	Yes	Approximately 4 months	?	Open Tender