

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Consultancies**

Question: **37**

Written **Senator Fifield**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 8 July 2011

- (a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? Please 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). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
- (b) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website (www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?
- (c) 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

- (a) Most consulting services for DPS relate to technical operations and the capital works program. Detailed information (to 31 May 2011) is set out in the table starting on the next page.
- (b) Yes. New tender opportunities have been advertised and advertised tenders are removed following tender release, throughout the course of the financial year. Senate and gazettal reporting is up to date.
- (c) Consulting work for 2011–12 will not be finalised until the capital works program is finalised. This is expected to be in July 2011. DPS's Annual Procurement Plan will be published in accordance with the requirements by 1 July 2011.