

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Contractors

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 71

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

**For this financial year to date:**

- a) **Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- b) **Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- c) **Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- d) **Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- e) **Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- f) **Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- g) **Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- h) **Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**
- i) **Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.**

**j) What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).**

**Answer**

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has not employed the services of any of the listed companies. It has, however, utilised the services of the following firms:

- Hays Specialist Recruitment (Australia) Pty Ltd for the provision of a temporary receptionist for two months at a cost, to 31 May 2013, of \$17,082.97.
- Analytics Group for the preparation of the PBO's financial governance framework at a cost, to 31 May 2013, of \$31,050.00.
- KPMG for provision of expenditure trends data series services at a cost to 31 May 2013, of \$73,113.00.
- Price Waterhouse Coopers for policy costing services at an estimated cost to 31 May 2013, of \$65,765.00.
- University of Canberra for policy costing and costing model development services at an estimated cost to 31 May 2013, of \$13,500.00.