

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Supplementary Estimates Hearing – October 2010

Outcome General, Program General

Topic: Contractors

Question reference number: F51

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Senator Bernardi asked:

- a) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.
- 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.
- 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.
- d) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.
- e) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.
- f) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.
- g) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.
- 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.
- i) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.

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Answer:

The Australian Electoral Commission, ComSuper and the Future Fund Management Agency have not engaged the services of any of the companies identified in the question.

In relation to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the below information was obtained from departmental records comprising the period 1 November 2004 – 19 October 2010.

Finance engaged the services of three companies identified in the question:

Hawker Britton

- Develop and deliver an issues management training course on 31 October 2006, totalling \$21,217.

Cutting Edge

- Printing under the parliamentary entitlement of Peter Slipper MP in 2005-06, totalling \$2,200.

Boston Consulting Group

- Provide assurance services in 2007-2008, totalling \$759,000.
- Provide expert advice on ICT efficiency measurement and benchmarking in 2008-09 and 2009-10, totalling \$11.22m.