

# **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** All

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

1. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2010-11? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.
2. Were there any changes to any of the portfolio's tenders in 2010-11? Detail any changes.
3. How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.
4. 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](http://www.tenders.gov.au)) for tenders advertised this financial year? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?
5. 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.

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**Answer:**

1. Information related to the total value of all consultancies let in the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, including total expenditure, is reported in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet 2010-11 Annual Report (pages 155-158).
2. The department published any open approaches to the market on AusTender. Any changes to tender documentation are listed on AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).
3. Details of consultancies undertaken or underway FYTD are listed on AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).
4. The department published all open approaches to the market on AusTender. Any changes to tender documentation are listed on AusTender ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)).
5. All known consultancies are listed in the 2011 Annual Procurement Plan. The department's Annual Procurement Plan is listed on [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).