

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2012
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ryan

Question reference number: PM95

Type of Question: Written

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How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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.

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:

The total number of consultancies undertaken this financial year to date is 7. See table over for specific details:

Date	Consultant	Subject Matter	Cost (incl GST)	Method of procurement	Justification
16/07/2012	Hughes Trueman	Heritage Management	\$5,698	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
27/08/2012	Synergy Group	Financial Services	\$7,200	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
23/08/2012	Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$8,621	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
06/08/2012	Heymann-Cohen	Quantity Surveyors	\$3,754	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
16/08/2012	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Landscape Architects	\$15,436	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
04/07/2012	Acor Consultants	Engineers	\$6,215	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
29/08/2012	Phillip Leeson Architects	Heritage Architects	\$12,108	Direct	Needed for specialised or professional skills
		Total YTD 30 Sep 2012	\$59,032		

Note: As all were minor, short term procurements, duration data is not readily available.

Consultancies have not been specifically planned for, although are undertaken as and when required. They do not form part of the Annual Procurement Plan (APP), because they are not considered significant procurement activity.