

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 15 OCTOBER 2012

PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Consultancies 2011-12

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

How many consultancies were undertaken in 2011-12? 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.

Answer:

In 2011-12 the Commission paid a total of five consultants, to a total value of \$411,603.22 (GST incl):

- a. Dawn O'Neil Consulting
 - i. Subject: To assist the Commission in consulting on and developing a three-year Strategic Plan
 - ii. Duration: 1 month
 - iii. Cost: \$26,584.28 (GST incl on travel only)
 - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

- b. Healthcare Management Advisors
 - i. Subject: To assist in the development of the National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention
 - ii. Duration: 2 months
 - iii. Cost: \$363,598 (GST incl)
 - iv. Procurement method: Tender

- c. Richard Matthews Consulting
 - i. Subject: Provide planned and ad-hoc expert and technical advice
 - ii. Duration: 4 months
 - iii. Estimated cost: \$1,430 (GST incl)
 - iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

d. Primary Communication

- i. Subject: Assist in the development of a communications strategy
- ii. Duration: 2.5 months
- iii. Estimated cost: \$9,997.02 (GST incl)
- iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

e. Gregor Henderson

- i. Subject: To provide mental health advice from international perspective
- ii. Duration: 12 months
- iii. Estimated cost: \$9,993.92 (GST not payable)
- iv. Procurement method: Direct Source

As the National Mental Health Commission was established on 1 January 2012, it did not publish an Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender for 2011-12.