

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Question No. 17

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

Please provide further and better particulars regarding third parties for which you are undertaking a fee-for-service arrangement and/or other activity, and details of the nature and extent of those relationships.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Commission currently has in place seven arrangements for projects involving fee for service with third parties as follows:

1. Establishment of Indigenous Human Rights Network of Australia website. **Oxfam Australia** –Value: \$330,000 inc GST; Start: 1/9/08; Finalised: 1/9/11.
2. Consultation on protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sex and/or gender identity. **Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs** –Value: \$11,000 inc GST; Commencement: 12/07/10; Finalised: 30/6/11.
3. Convene and participate in awareness seminars (and develop web based resources) on the premises standards under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. **Baf Consulting** –Value: \$65,000 inc GST; Commencement: 13/08/10; Finalised: 9/9/10.
4. Grant agreement to promote awareness and engagement among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples through the production and delivery of community education materials, toolkits and programs. **The Christensen Fund** – Value: US\$90,017.00; Commencement: 1/09/09; Finalised: 30/11/10.
5. Development of materials to support the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (this complements funding under 5 above with additional DVD materials to be developed to accompany the toolkit on the Declaration). **Oxfam Australia** – Value: \$49,500 inc GST; Commencement: **June 2010**; Finalised: 30/6/11.
6. Development of poster on the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (this complements funding under 5 and 6 above). **Oxfam Australia** – Value: \$ 5,000 inc GST; Commencement: **April 2010**; Finalised: 31/7/11.
7. Close the Gap Steering Group Secretariat Support. **Range of organisations including Oxfam, Fred Hollows Foundation, Ian Thorpe Foundation, Aust Medical Association** - Value: \$55,000 inc GST; Commencement: 1/7/2009; Finalised: 30/6/2011.

In addition, the Commission has shared service arrangements with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Forum of NHRIs. The arrangements are consistent with the recommendations for small agencies contained in the Moran Review of the Australian Public Service.