

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(407) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since Budget Estimates 2010? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies, including figures for total spending on consultancies and also value of contracts awarded? Provide total figures since Budget Estimates 2010 and a breakdown on these figures for FY 2008/09 and 2009/10 FYTD.

Answer:

In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, the department publishes details of all consultancy contracts on AusTender. Information published on AusTender includes the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the contract, and the method of procurement.

The department's consultancy contract value and expenditure for the 2008-09 and 2009-10 financial years (for contracts valued at \$10,000 or more) are as follows:

	New Consultancy Value	Consultancy Expenditure
2008-09 Financial Year	\$12.39 million	\$32.95 million
2009-10 Financial Year	\$9.87 million	\$11.33 million