

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND MINISTERIAL OFFICES - CONSULTANTS

955. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development

For each Department and Agency under the Minister's control, including the Ministerial office, will the Minister please provide details of the number and cost of contractors/consultants employed in respect of -

- (a) engineering services;
- (b) training programs;
- (c) printing;
- (d) computer development and support services;
- (e) actuarial services;
- (f) publicity and promotional programs;
- (g) project management services;
- (h) valuations;
- (i) accounting services;
- (j) customer surveys; and
- (k) Bench marking,

that were not included in the Department or Agency's six monthly return on the engagement of consultants for the following periods -

- (a) 1 January 2004 to 30 June 2004;
- (b) 1 July 2004 to 31 December 2004; and
- (c) 1 January 2005 to 30 June 2005?

Mr M.P. MURRAY:

- (a)-(k) Reports of consultants engaged by all government departments and agencies on contracts for services during the specified periods have been tabled in Parliament. These reports provide details of consultants engaged to provide strategic advice for government to act on and do not include contractors engaged to provide the sorts of services specified in the question. In addition, contracts valued at \$10,000 and above, awarded by state government departments and agencies that are subject to the State Supply Commission Act, are available on the Western Australian Government Contracting Information Bulletin Board.

The considerable amount of information sought is not easy to extract from existing records and I am not prepared to divert resources from other essential duties to provide the requested information.