

**Question No: 158**

**Question: Departmental International Travel Department of Industries and Development Contracts**

**Date: 22/09/92**

**Member: Mr BELL**

**To: MINISTER for INDUSTRIES and DEVELOPMENT**

1. Was contract IR786 for \$162 700 awarded to Human Solutions, Hobart, for database development; if so -

- (a) what was the database;
- (b) what software was used in the implementation of this database;
- (c) what hardware will the database be operated on;
- (d) which officers of the department will have access to the database; and
- (e) how will these officers access the database development.

2. Was contract IR999 for \$10000 awarded to The Drawing Room, Darwin, for writing services; if so, what were these writing services.

3. Was contract IR1001 for \$23 065 awarded to ISS International, Sydney, for consultancy services; if so -

- (a) what service was provided; and
- (b) can an itemised account of these services be provided.

4. Was contract IR1020 for \$3700 awarded to Ferson Corporation Pty Ltd, West Pymble, New South Wales, for consultant fees and air fares; if so, what were the services provided.

5. Was contract IR1182 for \$3500 awarded to Robin Macdonald and Associates, Darwin for special writing services; if so -

- (a) what was written under this contract; and
- (b) what were the 'specialist' services.

**ANSWER**

1. Yes.

(a) Business Licence Information Service (BLIS) - a database of information relating to all licences required by business.

(b) A licensed package developed by the consultants based on the Asymetrix Toolbook product running under Windows 3.00, with a Jetform package for printing and management.

(c) Darwin -

25 MHZ 80486 or 33 MHZ 80386 processor (2)

6 Mb system RAM

120 Mb hard disk

Tape backup unit

3.5" and 5.25" floppy disk drives

VGA Display system

Hewlett-Packard LaserJet IIID laser printer

Hewlett-Packard ScanJet Plus scanner

Alice Springs -  
20 MHZ 80386SX processor  
4 Mb system RAM  
150+ Mb hard disk  
3.5" floppy disk drive

(d) The database is available as a free service to anyone within the government or private sector. It will be maintained and managed by the Department of Industries and Development.

(e) Department of Industries and Development officers have been involved in the adaptation of the database development for the NT and will continue to be involved in future development.

2. No - the contract awarded to the Drawing Room was for layout and graphic design for publications and advertisements.

3. Yes.

(a) ISS International provided representative services for the Department of Industries and Development in New South Wales.

(b) Yes.

General -  
Fees \$ 14 756.00  
Expenses \$ 3 092.00

Special Projects -  
Fees \$ 4 312.00  
Expenses \$ 925.00

4. Yes - Ferson Corporation Pty Ltd provided the consultancy service by James N. Feros World Vice-Chairman of Matchbox Toys. He presented a breakfast seminar on 'Planning for Growth' and a 2-day 'Business Growth' Seminar on business strategy, international trade development, market and product development.

These 2 seminars were NIES sponsored and therefore attracted Commonwealth funding.

Costs were - \$275.00 per person for 2-day seminar  
\$ 10.00 per person for breakfast,

with any shortfall funded under NIES by the Commonwealth.

5. Yes.

(a) Research and preparation of written material for the Department of Industries and Development display for the Northern Territory show circuit.

(b) Writing services.