

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley MLA to the Chief Minister:

NT Contracts- Mercer

1. What contracts does the NT Government currently have with the international consultancy company Mercer?

Answer:

The Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment has held commercial-in-confidence contracts with Cullen Egan Dell (now Mercer Consulting) since 1992, for services relating to the job evaluation system (JES), which is used in the Northern Territory Public Sector to evaluate the majority of jobs.

2. What contracts has the NT Government secured with Mercer since August 2016?

Answer:

Mercer Consulting contract is an annual contract.

3. What is the cost of these contracts?

Answer:

Costs are commercial-in-confidence.

4. What are the Terms of Reference for each of these contracts?

Answer:

The Office for the Commissioner for Public Employment has held commercial-in-confidence contracts with Mercer Consulting whereby NTPS agencies can engage their services relating to the job evaluation system.

5. What date were these contracts signed?

Answer:

Mercer Consulting contract is an annual contract, since 1992.

6. What reports has Mercer provided to Government since August 2016?

Answer:

Through the contract, Mercer Consulting undertook evaluations of Chief Executive Officer positions subsequent to the 'machinery of Government' changes, and as is usual practice, they have been engaged in jurisdictional market comparisons in preparation for enterprise bargaining negotiations. Mercer also provides an annual audit report on evaluations undertaken by public sector employees during each financial year.

7. Are these reports available to the public?

Answer:

No, these reports are commercial-in-confidence.

8. How can the public access reports provided to the NT Government by Mercer?

Answer:

No public access available, reports are commercial-in-confidence.