

# Correction to the Agency's 2003-04 Annual Report

On pages 56 and 57 of the Agency's Annual Report 2003-04, the number of consultancies was incorrectly reported. Please find below a correction to the information provided in the report.

## 1 Consultancy services, competitive tendering and contracting

One consultant was engaged during 2003-2004 at a cost of \$48,000 to provide professional advice that could not be provided by staff of the agency.

There were eleven other service contracts let during the year.

The policies and procedures for selecting consultants and approving expenditure for them are set out in the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines and the agency's Purchasing Policy and CEIs. Value for money is the core principle governing the agency's procurement, achieved through non discrimination in procurement and the use of competitive procurement processes.

Consultancy contracts let during 2003-2004 to the value of \$10,000 or more

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Contract Price</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Selection Key</b>	<b>Justification Key</b>
Sigma Management Science	\$48,000 (inc of GST)	To provide support to the MNPP/CPRS projects	Direct engagement of recognised and pre-eminent expert	Need for independent study or assessment