

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 118

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

**Answer:**

**Department of Social Services**

Planned consultancies and contracts for each calendar year are described in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan which is published on the AusTender website. The Annual Procurement Plan provides a forecast of planned procurement activity and includes a brief description of the consultancy and contract topic and the expected date of approach to market.

**Australian Institute of Family Studies**

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has three planned consultancies.

These were not published on the Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender as the value of the planned consultancies falls under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules Open Tender reporting threshold.

**National Disability Insurance Agency**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is not required to publish an Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website as it is governed by the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*.

**Australian Aged Care Quality Agency**

The Annual Procurement Plan for the Agency commencing 1 January 2014 is not yet finalised.