

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 4 JUNE 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Consultancies

Question reference number: HS 55

Senator: Smith

Type of question: Written

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 26 July 2013

Number of pages: 3

Question:

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
- b) 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:

- a) The Department initiated 11 consultancies between 1 July 2012 and 19 June 2013 (this financial year to date), as follows:

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Price	Method
Australia and New Zealand School of Government Limited	Ongoing evaluation, analysis and business advice, including initial assessment of Departmental Fraud Control areas.	25/02/2013	25/03/2013	\$69,300.00	Limited Tender
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Sampling Methodology Review.	31/05/2013	30/06/2013	\$22,186.45	Limited Tender
Australian Institute of Family Studies	Evaluation of Case Coordination Trial.	25/11/2012	30/09/2014	\$550,000.00	Open Tender

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Price	Method
Booz and Company (Australia) Pty Ltd	Subject matter expertise in the development of a Second Pass Information Technology Business Case for the Human Services portfolio.	23/01/2013	20/02/2013	\$641,847.60	Open Tender
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Financial and Project Review.	18/04/2013	31/07/2013	\$520,039.99	Open Tender
Grosvenor Management Consulting Pty Ltd	Business improvement review.	22/10/2012	30/12/2012	\$79,073.00	Open Tender
Hall and Partners Open Mind Pty Ltd	Social policy research and evaluation of Local Connections to Work Program.	15/11/2012	10/04/2013	\$149,424.00	Open Tender
KPMG	Strategic advice on future service delivery options.	23/07/2012	30/09/2012	\$194,210.00	Open Tender
KPMG	Strategic advice on future service delivery options.	05/11/2012	31/03/2013	\$120,000.00	Open Tender
KPMG*	Engagement of Independent Assurer 2012-13.	01/07/2012	30/06/2013	\$750,000.00	Open Tender
Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Strategic advice to the Chief Information Officer Group.	01/03/2013	30/06/2013	\$155,000.00	Open Tender
11 contracts			Total:	\$3,251,081.04	

* Since the response to Question on Notice HS43 was provided, the contract with KPMG valued at \$750,000 has been reviewed and reclassified as a consultancy.

b) The following consultancy is planned for this calendar year:

Consultant Name	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Contract Price	Method
Telstra/Nuance	Voice Biometric capability and training requirement analysis and recommendations.	TBA	TBA	\$99,104.50	Open Tender
1 contract			Total:	\$99,104.50	

No, this consultancy was not published on the Department's Annual Procurement Plan as it is being procured from an existing panel arrangement.

Consultancies are not generally published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan as the need for specialist services does not become apparent until specific issues or business needs are identified. The details of all consultancy contracts valued at \$10,000 and over entered into are reported on the Government's AusTender website. The total expenditure of the Department's consultancy contracts is reported in its Annual Report at the conclusion of each financial year.