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Topic: Consultancies

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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 are described in the Department's APP which is published on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).[The APP covering the remainder of the calendar year is yet to be finalised.]

Australian Institute of Family Studies

Planned consultancies and contracts for each calendar year are described in AIFS' APP which is published on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au).

Office of the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

No consultancies are planned for this calendar year.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

The procurement plan for the year commencing 1 July 2014 has not yet been finalised.

National Disability Insurance Agency

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is a non-prescribed entity under the Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997 and therefore is not required to publish an Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on AusTender.

The NDIA has undertaken an internal request for planned procurements for the next financial year, and as at 20 June 2014 only one consultancy for fraud investigation services has been identified. This will be an open approach to the market as the value will be above the identified open market threshold of \$400,000 (GST inclusive).

Office of the Aged Care Commissioner

As of 7 July 2014 no response has been provided.