

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question:** E13-049

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 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 (ie. 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) There were 23 consultancy contracts executed during the period 7 September 2013 to 22 November 2013. A listing of the Department of Health's consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more is publicly available on AusTender website (see link below). It includes the name of the consultant, cost and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).

The total value of contracts greater than \$10,000 for consultancies that were executed during the above period is \$1,355,222 (GST inclusive), of which 17 consultancies totalling \$1,112,123 were planned prior to 7 September 2014. The expected procurements for the Department are in the Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website (see link below).

- b) Major consultancies planned are included in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan. This is available on the AusTender website at the following link:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.app.view&appuuid=78766E81-C367-21AA-66C74C6FE98ED22D>