

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 289

Program No. Special Broadcasting Service (SBS)

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Consultancies

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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.
2. 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.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

1.

Supplier	Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement	Total (excl. GST)
<b><i>Below \$10,000</i></b>		
Various	Various ( <i>various durations and procurement methods</i> )	\$74,878
<b><i>Sub total</i></b>		<b><i>\$74,878</i></b>
<b><i>\$10,000-\$50,000</i></b>		
Agileware Pty Ltd	Marketing Online Website Consultancy to enable journalists to access SBS programs & publicity material ( <i>3 months duration, direct source</i> )	\$21,240
C3 Business Solutions Pty Ltd	Broadcast Engineering Business Intelligence Consultancy ( <i>3 months duration, competitive quotations</i> )	\$13,500
Cutthru Pty Ltd	Advertising sales Qualitative Research Consultancy ( <i>4 months duration, competitive quotes</i> )	\$37,575
Datalicious Pty Ltd	Business Intelligence & Media Metrics Consultancy ( <i>2 months duration, competitive quotations</i> )	\$13,260
Nina Fudala	News Consultancy – Cadets selection ( <i>3 months duration, direct source</i> )	\$11,035
OpsCentre Pty Ltd	Business Continuity Planning Consultancy ( <i>6 months duration, competitive quotes</i> )	\$22,739

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Point Project Management Pty Ltd	Long Term Accommodation Consultancy ( <i>3 months duration, competitive quotes</i> )	\$35,000
Trinity P3 Pty Ltd	Marketing Agency Consultancy ( <i>6 months duration, direct source – sole supplier in market place</i> )	\$15,000
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>\$169,349</b>
<b>&gt;\$50,000</b>		
Cortell Australia Pty Ltd	Consultancy budgetary software implementation & training ( <i>6 months duration, competitive quotations</i> )	<b>\$51,620</b>
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>\$51,620</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$295,847</b>

2.

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Total (excl. GST)</b>
Brian Knight Associates	Electrical Consultancy ( <i>3 months duration, existing service supplier</i> )	\$50,000
Penlan Consulting , AECOM, Eagle Consulting	Building Codes Certification consultancies ( <i>2 months duration, existing building certifiers for SBS Artarmon premises</i> )	\$10,000
Roger Turvey Associates	Mechanical Services consulting ( <i>3 months duration, existing service supplier</i> )	\$50,000
OpsCentre Pty Ltd	Business Continuity Planning Consultancy ( <i>12 months duration, existing supplier</i> )	\$45,000
AECOM Strategy Plus	Accommodation Space Utilisation Study ( <i>3 months duration, existing supplier</i> )	\$25,000
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Risk & Fraud Framework refresh ( <i>2 month duration, direct source</i> )	\$10,000
Trinity P3 Pty Ltd	Marketing Agency Consultancy ( <i>6 months duration, direct source – sole supplier in market place</i> )	\$15,000
Cortell Australia Pty Ltd	Consultancy budgetary software development/customisations ( <i>3 months duration, competitive quotes</i> )	\$75,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$280,000</b>

SBS is a *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* agency and is not required to publish an Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website.

3. Yes, as above. Under the SBS Purchasing Guidelines consultancies are subject to a public tender process only if they are valued over \$300,000. None of the consultancies for SBS exceeds this value. However, each consultancy is subject to a competitive quotation process or in the case of direct source procurements these consultancies are subject to review and approval by senior management.