

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 190(c)**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? 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?
  - (a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - (b) If so, why?

**Answer:**

1. Consultancies between 14 September 2015 & 31 January 2016. See table below.

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Total (excl. GST)</b>
<i>Below \$10,000</i>		
Various	<i>Various (various durations and procurement methods)</i>	38,194
<i>Sub total</i>		<b><i>\$38,194</i></b>
<i>\$10,000-\$50,000</i>		

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<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Total (excl. GST)</b>
Australian Centre for Photography Limited	'School Selfie' Project consultancy to deliver an online school photography resource for teachers to use in schools. The campaign was to create deeper connections with secondary schools around Australia at the time of launching SBS Learn - a new learning portal that houses all SBS Outreach and education content ( <i>3 months duration, direct source</i> )	\$17,750
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Cost & Efficiency Analysis ( <i>3 month duration, direct source</i> )	\$29,111
Ernst & Young	Forensic IT Services ( <i>2 months duration, direct source</i> )	\$40,997
iCognition Pty Ltd	Electronic Data Management Services Scoping Study ( <i>2 month duration, competitive quotations</i> )	\$27,182
KPMG	Corporate Governance, taxation & business structural advice for Channel ( <i>2 weeks duration, direct source</i> )	\$10,500
Litmus Group Australia	Benefits rationale for and business case preparations for Oracle Financials Implementation Project ( <i>1 month duration, direct source</i> )	\$25,000
Opscentre Pty Ltd	Business Continuity Planning Consultancy & conducting BCP testing ( <i>6 months duration, existing supplier</i> )	\$34,250
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>\$184,790</b>
<b>&gt;\$50,000</b>		
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Project Management & lead negotiator services for the Transmission Options Project (TOPs) ( <i>18 months duration, selected by competitive quotes</i> )	\$279,038
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>\$279,038</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$502,022</b>

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2. Consultancies planned for the remainder of the calendar year. See table below. SBS is a Corporate Commonwealth Agency and is not required to publish an Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website.

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement</b>	<b>Total (excl. GST)</b>
LEK Consulting	Media Rights Analysis consultancy ( <i>6 weeks duration, competitive quotations</i> )	\$181,800
OpsCentre Pty Ltd	Business Continuity Planning Consultancy & testing of plan ( <i>12 months duration, existing supplier</i> )	\$68,000
Hassell Architects	Architectural consultancy & design ( <i>4 months duration, direct source – previously selected by competitive quotations</i> )	\$66,000
Wood & Greive Engineers	Electrical & Fire Engineering consultancy ( <i>4 months duration, direct source – previously selected by competitive quotations</i> )	\$17,000
Engtech Consulting	Mechanical Services Engineering consultancy upgrade of air-conditioning ( <i>6 months duration, competitive quotations</i> )	\$13,000
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Project Management & lead negotiator services for the Transmission Options Project (TOPs) ( <i>6 month duration - continuation of existing work, competitive quotations</i> )	\$50,000
BKA Consulting	Electrical Engineering consultancy – power upgrade project ( <i>18 months, direct source – previously selected by competitive process</i> )	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$402,800</b>

3. Under the SBS Purchasing Guidelines consultancies are subject to a tender process only if they are valued over \$300,000. 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.