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Australia Post

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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. Australia Post has engaged 3 major management consultants (i.e. those costing \$250,000 or more), at a total cost of \$1.8million in the period 1 October 2015 to 29 January 2016.
Specific details about individual consultants are commercial-in-confidence as they relate to matters impacting the competitive market in which we operate and/or the agreement with the party excludes us from disclosing such details.
2. Australia Post's reporting systems do not identify consultancies planned for the remainder of the 2016 calendar year.
3. As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is not required to produce or publish an Annual Tender Plan on the AusTender website.