

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 190(e)

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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 (i.e. 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. The ACMA undertook nine consultancies from 14 September 2015 to 29 January 2016 with a total value of \$480,065 (GST inclusive). The details for each consultancy are provided in Table 1 of Attachment A.
2. There are five consultancies planned for the remainder of this calendar year. These consultancies have not been published in our Annual Procurement Plan. The details for each consultancy are provided in Table 2 of Attachment A.
3. No. All consultancies are procured through an open tender procurement process that involves either an approach to a panel or advertising on AusTender.

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QON 190 (e), Question 1 - Attachment A Table 1					
Contracts awarded as Consultancy		14 September 2015 to 29 January 2016			
Supplier Name	Description	Procurement Method	Start Date	End Date	Value incl GST (AUD)
Woolcott Research Pty Ltd	National Broadband Network (NBN) Migration Experience	Open tender	22-Jan-16	30-Jun-16	148,830
ACIL Allen Consulting Pty Ltd	Do Not Call Register (DNCR) Fee Review	Open tender	15-Jan-16	23-Feb-16	11,100
Attorney General's Department	Legal Advice	Prequalified tender	20-Jan-16	31-Mar-16	15,160
Australian Government Solicitor	ACMA Investigation under DNCR Act and Telecommunications Act	Prequalified tender	25-Nov-15	1-Feb-16	20,000
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice Re Licences	Limited tender	23-Dec-15	31-May-16	40,000
Ernst and Young	Medium Agency Corporate Shared Services Business Case and Implementation Plan Review and Develop Business Case for Hybrid Model	Open tender	20-Oct-15	30-Nov-15	48,175
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Testing of ACMA Business Continuity Management	Limited tender	1-Oct-15	30-Jun-16	84,850
Louise Benjamin	Expert Advice on Free TV Code	Limited tender	13-Oct-15	12-Nov-15	20,000
Plum Consulting London LLP	Review of ACMA Satellite Apparatus Licence Pricing in Ka-band	Open tender	1-Oct-15	18-Jan-16	91,950
				Total	\$480,065

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Question No: 190 (e), Question 2 - Attachment A Table 2						
Planned Consultancies for the remainder of this calendar year						
Supplier Name	Description	Start Date	End Date	Value GST (incl)	Procurement Method	Annual Procurement Plan
Ernst and Young	Medium Agency Corporate Shared Services Business Plan Development	5-Feb-16	30-Jun-16	\$235,950	Open tender from a panel	Not Applicable. Services were procured from a panel.
To be determined	ACMA Customer Service Centre Customer Satisfaction Survey 2016	1-Apr-16	To be determined	To be determined	Open tender from a panel	Not Applicable. Services will be procured from a panel.
To be determined	Provision of research to further ACMA's understanding of the impact on consumers of changes to Telecommunications Consumer Protections (TCP) Code and other outcomes of Reconnecting the Customer Inquiry	15-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	estimate \$154,000	Open tender advertised on AusTender	Not included in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) as the decision to advertise the tender on AusTender rather than approaching a panel occurred late in the procurement planning process.
To be determined	ACMA Annual Consumer Survey 2016	15-Mar-16	30-Jun-16	estimate \$230,000	Open tender advertised on AusTender	Not included in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) as the decision to advertise the tender on AusTender rather than approaching a panel occurred late in the procurement planning process.
To be determined	Provision of Audit Services	1-Jul-16	30-Jun-19	To be determined	Open tender on AusTender or via a panel	Procurement method from either a panel or advertised on AusTender is still to be determined. If it is advertised on AusTender it will be included in the Annual Procurement Plan