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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. nbn regularly engages individual contractors and management consulting services as part of normal business operations. These are engaged on normal commercial terms. To provide further detail on these services would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. See 1. above.
3. See 1. above.