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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Consultancies

Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

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?
 1. List each, including name, cost and purpose
 2. If so, why?

Answer:

1. There has been only one new consultancy since May 2014 and that is;
 - RSM Bird Cameron for the development of a model to assess financial viability of potential supplier of services \$20,900 (GST inclusive). This was entered into last financial year (June 2014).
2. NA - There have been no new consultancies for the current financial year, and I am not aware of any planned for the current financial year.
3. NA - no consultancies entered into.