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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Australia Post

Question No: 362

Program No: Australia Post

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

Answer:

1. Australia Post has engaged 3 major management consultants (i.e. those costing \$250k or more), at a total cost of \$7.0m in the period 1 June 2014 to 31 October 2014. Specific details about individual consultants are commercial-in-confidence.
- 2-3. Australia Post's reporting systems do not identify consultancies planned for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year. As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is not required to produce or publish an Annual Tender Plan on the AusTender website. Specific details about individual consultants are commercial-in-confidence.