

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 71-73

Topic: Consultancies (Tsy)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

71. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 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.
72. 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.
73. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
 - a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

71. This information is publically available on the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au. Report from AusTender is attached.
72. Two (2) consultancies are planned for this calendar year.

These have been published in the Annual Procurement Plan.

The subject matter of the consultancies is Education and Training Services. The duration and cost is unknown at this stage. The method of procurement will be open tender.
73. Yes
 - a. The consultancies referred to as 'limited tender' in the attachment did not go out for tender as they are below the procurement threshold set out in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

Limited tender involves an agency approaching one or more potential suppliers to make submissions, where the process does not meet the rules for open tender or prequalified tender.

Also, prequalified tender involves publishing an open approach to market inviting submissions from all potential suppliers on a shortlist, a multi-use list or that have been granted a specific licence or comply with a legal requirement, where the licence or compliance with the legal requirement is essential to the conduct of the procurement.