

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: AET 1753-1755

Topic: Consultancies

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe/Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1753. 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.

1754. 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.

1755. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?

a) List each, including name, cost and purpose

If so, why?

Answer:

1753. The ACCC has undertaken 11 consultancies from 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016. Details of the consultancies are published on the AusTender website, www.austender.gov.au.

1754. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies at any given time.

1755. Yes.

a) 3 consultancies did not go out for tender with the details published on the AusTender website, www.austender.gov.au

b) The 3 consultancies did not exceed the procurement threshold required for tender.