#### **Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

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Department/Agency: AOFM Question: SBT 1539-1541

**Topic:** 1539-1541 - Consultancies Reference: written - 05 November 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

#### **Question:**

Since 1 January 2015:

- 1539. 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.
- 1540. 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.
- 1541. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
  - a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - b) If so, why?

#### **Answer:**

1539.

Name	Subject	Duration	Total estimated cost
			Cost
Australian Valuation	Asset valuation	3 years	10,450
Solutions	advice		
PriceWaterhouseCoopers	Additional internal audit work	2 months	20,000
Hudsons	Human resource management	4 months	35,000
Herbert Smith Freehills	Probity review	2 months	72,000
			137,450

- 1540. No consultancies are planned for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 1541. The consultancy contracts were not put to an open approach to market as they were less than the open approach threshold of \$80,000 set by the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and it was not considered "value for money" to conduct an open approach for these services.

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