

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Agency: ACARA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000318**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***ACARA: Consultancies***

**Question**

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

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?
  - (a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - (b) If so, why?

**Answer**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response.

1. ACARA does not fall under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, as such, it does not distinguish between consultancies and other contracts. Providing the requested information about all its contracts would represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.
2. See above. ACARA does not use the AusTender website.
3. See above.