

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Agency: AITSL

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000320

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. ED0521_15

AITSL: 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 Institute for Teaching and School Leadership(AITSL) has provided the following response for the period 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016:

1. 9 consultancies have been undertaken, with a total value of \$196,718.20, details are attached below.

No.	Company Name	Contract Title	Date Contract Executed	Contract Expiry	Total Value (inc. GST)
1	Des Gorman Consulting	Review of the Graduate Standards	29/01/2016	31/03/2016	\$ 3,465.00
2	Valad Solutions	Principal preparation literature review.	16/10/2015	30/11/2015	\$ 8,712.00
3	Australian Council for Educational Research	Expert advice - Accreditation Standards and Procedures guidance material	12/01/2016	30/06/2016	\$ 14,080.00
4	PL Profiles Pty Ltd (Patrick Griffin)	Classroom Practice Continuum - face-validation process	10/12/2015	31/03/2016	\$ 19,250.00
5	DBM Consultants	360° Reflection Tool review	18/01/2016	28/03/2016	\$ 27,500.00

6	The Education Business (Bruce Wilson)	Draft national induction guidelines	10/12/2015	12/02/2016	\$ 22,000.00
7	Michael Fullan Enterprises Inc.	Standards Evaluation Final Report - Peer Review	14/01/2016	31/03/2016	\$ 15,000.00
8	Nous Group	Organisational health and leadership expert input into the development of the Leadership Scenarios.	9/02/2016	30/06/2016	\$ 68,900.00
9	Icimedia	Interactive Leadership Profiles webpage changes	10/02/2016	30/06/2016	\$ 17,811.20

2. 18 Consultancies are planned to 30 June 2016, details as attached below. AITSL works on a financial year cycle. The Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines do not apply to AITSL.

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1	Stanford Centre for Assessment, Learning and Equity (SCALE)	Trial of teaching performance assessment in Australia			
2	TBC	Review of national certification			
3	William Louden	Leadership Pathways - project consultant	04/03/2016	30/06/2016	\$ 39,600.00
4	William Louden	Classroom Practice Continuum - literature review	03/03/2016	30/04/2016	\$ 24,200.00
5	Associate Professor David Geelan	User testing on written guidance for Accreditation Standards and Procedures	25/02/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 660.00
6	Associate Professor Mary Mooney	User testing on written guidance for Accreditation Standards and Procedures	29/02/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 660.00
7	Dr Josephine Lang	User testing on written guidance for Accreditation Standards and Procedures	22/02/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 660.00
8	Val Morey	User testing on written guidance for Accreditation Standards and Procedures	26/02/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 660.00
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10	Dr Sharon Thomas	User testing on written guidance for Accreditation Standards and Procedures	25/02/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 660.00

11	Australian Council of Deans of Education	Program Standards evidence examples			
12	TBC	Provision of Financial, Information Technology and Payroll Services			
13	Social Research Centre	Student Experience of Initial Teacher Education			\$ 60,121.00
14	Social Research Centre	Mapping of the 2106 ITE Data Report against available data sources			
15	Social Research Centre	ITE provider QILT measures			
16	TBC	Website Technical Audit			
17	The Education Business (Bruce Wilson)	Profiles trials summary reports		30/06/2016	
18	TBC	Website Optimisation Project			

3. In accordance with AITSL's Procurement Policy, the consultancies in the table below are all low value and therefore it is not required that they go out for tender. Under AITSL's Procurement Policy, contracts with a threshold of above \$25,000 require three written quotes. Contracts with a value above \$350,000 must go to an open tender. As stated under question 2, the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines do not apply to AITSL.

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