

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0560_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Consultancies

a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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. b) 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. c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? i. If so, which ones and why?

Answer

- a) Information on consultancies is available on the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.
- b) All planned consultancy engagements are published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender.
- c) Three consultancies – HR investigations services, financial costing contractor and revaluation of property and AASB 13 advice – did not go out for open tender as they were below the relevant procurement threshold.