

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Comcare**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0562\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Comcare - 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) Since the Additional Estimates in February 2014, Comcare has entered into two consultancy arrangements (refer to Table 1 below) at a cost of \$65,560. This increases the total spend on consultancies to date in this financial year to \$1,062,042.
- b) Nil response.

<b>Contract Number</b>	<b>Contract Description</b>	<b>Further description</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>	<b>Contract Max Value</b>	<b>Actual Start Date</b>	<b>Actual Finish Date</b>
00773	Identity and Access Management Consultancy - <i>UNIFY Solutions Pty Ltd</i>	To review Comcare's identify and access management (IAM) framework and create a strategy plan including a list of recommendations to ensure the IAM reaches industry standards. (ICT requirement)	Panel Arrangement (Piggybacking Process)	32,560	26/05/2014	30/06/2014
00779	Security consultancy for an IRAP process - <i>Saltbush Consulting Pty Ltd</i>	Provision for a consultancy at Comcare's Canberra office to assist and create a policy and procedure documentation in line with the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) that addresses the compliance requirements for an Information Security Registered Assessors Program (IRAP) process. Supplier is IRAP Accredited and the vendor is the only provider that can provide penetration testing services. (ICT requirement)	Limited Tender	33,000	23/05/2014	30/09/2014
<b>Total</b>				<b>65,560</b>		