

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

#### Agency - Fair Work Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EM0564\_15

Senator Lundy provided in writing.

#### Question

##### FWC - 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) Below is a list of consultancies entered into since February 2014:

Name	Nature	Amount (ex gst)	Method
InvestEgate	ICT Consultant	\$2,000.00	Panel
Thomas Duryea	ICT Consultant	\$6,820.00	Panel
Dimension data Australia Pty Ltd	ICT Consultant	\$39,234.80	Panel
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal	\$45,000.00	Panel
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Research	\$18,540.01	Panel
AL Lester and Associates	HR Consultant	\$44,990.00	Panel/RFQ
JJ Whelan - Project review	Project evaluation and review	\$40,900.00	Panel/RFQ
Sweeney - Citizen Co-design	Research	\$42,240.00	Direct/RFQ
Skwashd services	Drupal training for the Webplatform	\$11,000.00	Direct/RFQ

- (b) The exact number of consultancies for the 2014 calendar year has not been decided. The anticipated consultancies have been published in the Commission's Annual Procurement Plan on the Fair Work Commission

Website. The Plan has not been published on the AusTender website. Details including duration, cost of consultancies for future projects are not yet known.

- (c) The Fair Work Commission uses tenders in all cases where the value of the goods and service requires tenders being sought. Where procurement is low value, direct source request for quotes (RFQ) and/or panel arrangements have been used.