

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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Schools related consultancies

Question

Please provide a list of all schools related consultancies or independent firms that the Government currently has contracts or funding agreements with, and a description of the work that each of those consultants or independent firms will be undertaking.

Answer

The table below lists schools-related consultancies or independent firms that the Department of Education and Training currently has contracts or funding agreements with:

Consultancy / firm	Description
Australian Council for Educational Research	To conduct the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey surveys of teachers and principals on behalf of Australian, state and territory governments and to provide data analysis and reporting services.
Telethon Kids	Ongoing strategic advice and support to state and territory coordinators and the department in relation to the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).
Social Research Centre	Data collection and management services for the AEDC, including administration of all teacher relief payments to schools.
Bellchambers Barrett Pty Ltd	2016 Census Post Enumeration Process – Validation of data submitted in the Non-Government Schools Census 2016.
The Trustee for Bentleys MRI Adelaide Unit Trust	
Resolution Consulting Services Pty Ltd	
Resolve Consulting Group Pty Ltd	
McGrathNicol Advisory Partnerships	Review of the administration of the Capital Grants Program for Non-government Schools.
Hays Recruitment	To verify financial data provided by non-government schools.
Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy	Delivery of the Flexible literacy for remote primary schools program.
University of Melbourne	Delivery of an independent evaluation of the Flexible literacy for remote primary schools program.
Autism Spectrum Australia	Development of the Positive Partnerships program for schools and parents/carers to work together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum.
Dandolo Partners	Evaluation of Mathematics by Inquiry – To examine the effectiveness of the initiative in contributing to an improvement in the teaching of mathematics.

Consultancy / firm	Description
Education Services Australia (ESA)	Coding Across the Curriculum – Creation and ongoing maintenance of a Digital Technologies Hub, developed and hosted by ESA.
Australian Mathematics Trust	Summer Schools for STEM – Development of a hands-on extension and mentoring program to ignite girls' passion in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).
Australian Academy of Science	Maths by Inquiry – To develop and disseminate a suite of resources incorporating contemporary mathematics pedagogies.
	Primary Connections – Development and dissemination of primary science teaching and learning resources, which aim to enhance primary school teachers' confidence and competence for teaching science.
	Science by Doing – Development of secondary science teaching and learning resources, as well as professional learning resources to support teaching by inquiry.
Music Australia	Music Count Us In – Delivers an opportunity for student participation in music education programs and a national event at which schools around Australia sing a specially written song at the same time.
The Song Room	Engaged Learning through the Arts – Delivers a digital education platform for music, drama, dance, visual arts and media, including interactive teaching component and school engagement programs.
South Australian Ice Sports Federation	The Ice Factor – Provides assistance to at risk, disengaged and disadvantaged teenagers who are identified by their high schools through providing insight into the risk factors employing effective strategies through coaches and mentors to re-engage at-risk students back into education.
Emeritus Professor John Halsey, Flinders University	Independent Rural, Regional and Remote Education Review – The review will consider the key issues, challenges and barriers that impact on the learning outcomes of regional, rural and remote students and provide recommendations to support improved access, achievement and transitions to further study, training and employment.
The BUSY Group	To deliver the Parliamentary and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program – A demand-driven program providing rebates to assist Year 4-12 students travelling more than 150 kilometres in accessing civics and citizenship education at national institutions in Canberra.
History Teachers Association of Australia	National History Challenge – To help young Australians to become active and informed citizens with an understanding of Australia's system of government, history and culture. The challenge consists of an annual competition that promotes the study of history in schools up to Year 12.
	Simpson Prize – To deliver a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students that aims to promote and support civics and citizenship education in schools. The competition focuses on the significance of ANZAC Day and the ANZAC tradition and encourages students to consider what ANZAC Day means to them and to Australia. It provides the opportunity for eight students and two teachers to attend commemorations at Gallipoli or the Western Front.
Australian Debating Federation	World Schools Debating Championships – Provides for student participation in the international event.
Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Incorporated	International Geography Olympiads – Provides for student participation in the international event.

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National Curriculum Services Pty Ltd	To deliver the National Schools Constitution Convention (NSCC) – An annual peak event on the Australian Constitution for Year 11 and 12 students. Approximately 120 students are selected from state and territory conventions to attend. The NSCC is supported by most states and territories funding feeder conventions, and Australian Government funding.
Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Associations Inc	Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships – To improve the provision of community languages to school students.
University of Adelaide	Expansion of the University of Adelaide's Digital Technology MOOCs – To expand free online learning programs to improve digital technologies training for teachers.
Australian Mathematics Trust	ICT Summer Schools – To conduct a program of residential schools and mentoring to inspire students to increase their participation in digital technologies and STEM studies at school, post-secondary school and in the workforce.
University of Sydney	Supports delivery of the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies through two National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Digital Technologies Challenges for Year 5 and 7 – A series of structured, progressive teaching and learning activities and challenges • Cracking the Code – Development and delivery of a suite of fun and engaging coding activities and challenges for Year 4-12 students.
ESA	Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) Professional Learning Website contract extension – For continuation of hosting, support and maintenance of the national website (www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au). Ongoing provision of online, national professional learning for school leaders, teachers and support staff on the NCCD model is a targeted quality assurance measure intended to ensure 2017 data are accurate and nationally consistent.
Ithaca Group	To support the national working group established to provide advice to Government on a National Career Education Strategy – A research project to identify best practice in career education and skills pathway support arrangements for individuals across school systems.
Skilling Australia Foundation (SAF) Limited	To provide services associated with implementing the Pathways in Technology (P-TECH) pilot. Seed funding is provided to SAF for services associated with establishing effective partnerships at each pilot site and supporting partners to implement P-TECH styled learning programs suited to local circumstances. SAF also has a national coordination role.
RADAR Solutions	To provide school leadership staff countering violent extremism awareness training.
KPMG	Costing study for non-government distance education.
Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)	To investigate the needs of chronically ill or injured students and how they can be supported to remain connected to their school while being treated in hospital or at home. To inform the Government's parent engagement agenda to help children to engage with learning and maximise student outcomes and wellbeing. This will contribute to the development of a national measurement and evaluation framework of parent engagement.
Life Education Australia	Operational funding to support Life Education Australia's national office.

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Foundation for Young Australians	To deliver the Safe School Coalition Australia program.
Kantar Public (formerly called TNS Social Research)	Qualitative research with principals, teachers, specialist school staff and parents to investigate preferences, attitudes and needs in relation to delivering or supporting respectful relationships education (to help address domestic violence).
	Evaluation of the National School Chaplaincy Programme.
ESA	Contributing to the development, dissemination and online hosting of respectful relationships education resources, including completing a stocktake and gap analysis of resources and programs.
	Review and update of the National Safe Schools Framework.
	Review and redevelopment of the Student Wellbeing Hub.
ESA (Learning Potential Resources)	To deliver the Learning Potential suite, which includes two online resources (app and resources website) aimed at increasing awareness about the important role parents play in their children's education, and provides parents with accessible information, activities and ideas to help them support their children's learning.
BCM Partnership (Learning Potential app)	
The Smith Family	To expand the Learning for Life Program, which provides disadvantaged students and their families with financial, practical and emotional support to achieve improved educational outcomes.
Macquarie University	To conduct the Preventing Anxiety and Victimization through education (PAVe) project and evaluate the effectiveness of two targeted intervention programs in addressing bullying in schools (WA and NSW).
Dandolo Partners Pty Ltd	Evaluation of the Teach for Australia program.
Educational Transformations Pty Ltd	Delivery of a research project which includes the Australian contribution to Phase 4 of the International Study on School Autonomy and Learning.