**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Ludwig
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**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 (i.e. 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:**

1. Information on Finance's contracts awarded as consultancies valued at $10,000 and above is available from AusTender as a report at
   https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.reports.CN.Consultancy.form.

2. The number of consultancies planned for the 2016 calendar year is not known. The 2016-17 budget will impact procurement planning for the second half of 2016. Finance's current Annual Procurement Plans for significant procurements is available at
   https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.APP.view&appuuid=88596DD3-9E9C-801E-DF8925457F8FB096&btnSubmit=View+Annual+Procurement+Plan

3. Procurement contracts are sourced by one of three procurement methods, Open, Limited or Pre-qualified, in accordance with the *Commonwealth Procurement Rules*. Consultancy contract records on AusTender list the procurement method for each contract.