

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, November 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 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.

ONA Response:

- a) Nil
- b) One
 - Auditor/probity adviser – ONA anticipates a three year contract of approximately \$300,000 value via open tender (panel arrangement). As per Dept of Finance advice, this planned procurement is not listed on ONA's Annual Procurement Plan because the utilisation of a panel arrangement for the procurement will not result in all potential suppliers being notified.