

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice
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Department	Parliamentary Budget Office
Topic	Consultancies
Senator	Senator Ludwig
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Question

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- 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 (ie. 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 For the period 1 June to 31 October 2014:

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) engaged KPMG to undertake the PBO's Fraud Risk Assessment through an existing panel arrangement. This consultancy was completed within six months and cost \$22,072.73 (GST exclusive).

The PBO engaged Ashurst Australia in April 2014 through a prequalified tender process to provide legal services. During the period, the PBO incurred \$6,077.19 (GST exclusive) in relation to these services.

These consultancies were engaged through existing procurement arrangements and are not published on the PBO's Annual Procurement Plan as they were not conducted through an open approach to market.

- 2 As at 31 October 2014, the PBO does not have any other consultancy expenditure planned for this calendar year.
- 3 Nil.