

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS ATTORNEY-  
GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Corporate**

**Question No. 166**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

1) How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 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.

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?

i. If so, which ones and why?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1) Consultancies undertaken for the period 1 November 2013 to 27 March 2014 are set out in Table 1

2) Planned consultancies up to 30 June 2014 are set out in Table 2.

3) The response to this question is set out in Table 1 below.

## Attorney-General's Department

1) 12 Consultancies have been undertaken from 1 November 2013 to 27 March 2014.

Name of Consultant	Subject Matter of Consultancy	Start Date	End Date	Procurement Method	Estimated Contract Value (GST incl)	Open Tender (Y/N)
Centre for Internet Safety Pty Ltd	Environmental scan banking interaction	02/01/2014	28/02/2014	Limited Tender	\$19,500	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
KPMG	Federal Courts funding review	08/01/2014	05/03/2014	Limited Tender	\$391,869	No. Consultancy was sourced through limited tender. Due to the urgency of this procurement, an open tender wasn't possible in the timeframe.
Clayton Utz	Privacy Impact Assessment Document Verification Service private sector expansion	20/12/2013	30/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$58,000	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Westside Film & Television Pty Ltd	Independent Film Assessments	12/11/2013	13/12/2013	Limited Tender	\$11,000	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Mental Health Council	Mental Health Study	10/02/2014	10/05/2014	Limited Tender	\$12,695	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders

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Sandstar Films Pty Ltd	Independent Film Assessments	21/11/2013	14/12/2013	Limited Tender	\$3,960	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Helen Watts (Sole Trader)	Independent Film Assessments	29/11/2013	11/01/2014	Limited Tender	\$8,100 (No GST)	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Bruning Bell & Partners Pty Ltd	Independent Film Assessments	19/12/2013	31/01/2014	Limited Tender	\$5,500	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Helen Watts (Sole Trader)	Independent Film Assessments	25/02/2014	31/03/2014	Limited Tender	\$6,750 (No GST)	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Sandstar Films Pty Ltd	Independent Film Assessments	28/02/2014	31/03/2014	Limited Tender	\$5,280	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Westside Film & Television Pty Ltd	Independent Film Assessments	28/02/2014	24/03/2014	Limited Tender	\$6,875	No. Consultancy was under the \$80,000 threshold for open tenders
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Data Gap Analysis	19/03/2014	19/03/2015	Limited Tender	\$244,101	No, Consultancy was sourced by limited tender. This consultant

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						was identified as the only provider who could provide these services.

The total value for all consultancies undertaken from 1 November 2013 to 20 March 2014 is \$773,630.

2) 15 Consultancies planned between 27 March and 30 June 2014 for Calendar year 2014.

Name of Consultant	Subject Matter of Consultancy	Proposed Start Date	Proposed End Date	Procurement Method	Estimated Contract Value (GST inclusive)	Has this been included in the APP?	If not included in the APP, why not?
TBC (consultant not yet chosen)	Market Research for the Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) Communications Strategy	April 2014 (expected)	June 2014 (expected)	Limited Tender	\$60,000 - \$80,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC (currently evaluating quotations from potential suppliers)	Lean Six Sigma Review of Classification Application Process	01/04/2014	30/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$40,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
Ernst & Young	Consultancy for National Disaster Relief and	To be confirmed	31/12/2014	Limited Tender	\$80,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above

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	Recovery Arrangements						\$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Independent Film Assessments	15/04/2014	15/5/14	Limited Tender	\$5,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Independent Film Assessments	15/04/2014	15/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$10,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
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TBC	Independent Film Assessments	01/05/2014	15/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$5,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
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TBC	Independent Film Assessments	10/05/2014	30/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$5,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Expert Advisors for the Cultural Gifts Program	01/04/2014	30/06/2014	Limited Tender	\$40,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Methodology Assessment – library surveys for lending right programs	May 2014	October 2014	TBC	\$175,000	No	Still in the planning stages, procurement method yet to be confirmed
TBC	Document Verification Service -Privacy impact assessment	TBC	30/06/2014	TBC	\$33,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Scoping study – facial biometric system	TBC	30/06/2014	TBC	\$60,500	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement

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TBC	Emergency Management - performance measurement framework	TBC	30/06/2014	TBC	\$55,000	No	It is not a significant procurement at or above \$80,000 and is not expected to be an Open Tender procurement
TBC	Regulation Impact Statement	April 2014	October 2014	Open Tender	\$200,000	No	Undertaken through a current panel arrangement