

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 137**

**Program No. ABC**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

- 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.

**Answer:**

- a) 14 Consultancies have been undertaken since 7 September 2013. Details outlined below.

<i>Consultant</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Services Provided</i>
Access UTS Pty Ltd	12,800	Site Assessments
Apidae Development Innovations	57,052	AusAID Project Work
Audiotechnica Qld	500	Motor Vehicle Testing
Brief Group Pty Ltd	10,500	WHS Advice
Brown, S	5,000	Strategic Advice
Cornish and Associates	19,071	Helicopter Services
Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd	21,760	Technical Advice
Graham, P	10,000	Strategic Advice
Lombard, G	8,120	AusAID Project Work
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	14,983	Actuarial and Taxation Services
Risk and Injury Mgt Services	9,600	Motor Vehicle Assessments
Risk Logic Pty Ltd	3,438	Business Continuity Services
TMS Australia Pty Ltd	18,000	Travel Tender Services
Venture Consulting Pty Ltd	15,450	Strategic Advice
	<b>206,274</b>	

Procurement of consultants is undertaken in accordance with the ABC's Procurement Policies.

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It is not practical to determine the duration of the above consultancies. The ABC's procurement policy, which complies with Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, was applied to the above consultancies. Those contracts in excess of \$100k but less than \$400k typically require a request for quote (RFQ) process, whilst those contracts less than \$100k typically require three or more quotes.

- b) The ABC does not plan individual consultancies as such and cannot give an estimate of the likely number of consultants that may be engaged between now and 31 December 2013.

The ABC is not a prescribed agency subject to section 47A of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, and as such, is not permitted access to the APP functionality within AusTender.