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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question –Senator Eggleston

QUESTION No.: AI-82

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

On average over the last three financial years the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) has engaged 24 consultants per annum. The vast majority of these have been for contract values lower than the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) threshold of \$400k.

So far this calendar year the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) has let 12 consultancy contracts. Details are provided in the table below:

Consultant	Nature and purpose of consultancy	Estimated total life cost of consultancy (GST inclusive)	Reason for consultancy	Procurement method	APP, if not, then state reason:
Knowledge Teams International	Leadership development in Preventative Health Flagship Duration: 7 months	\$5,940	SS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K
Australian National University - National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS)	Development of protocol documents for CSIRO Entomology Division regarding an audit and repatriation of information and materials relevant to Indigenous people Duration: 3 months	\$66,280	SS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K
Australian National University - National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS)	Development of protocol documents for CSIRO Entomology Division regarding an audit and repatriation of information and materials relevant to Indigenous people Duration: 3 months	\$16,675	SS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K
Dr Finlay Macrae	Provision of high level clinical expertise and advice regarding the Preventative Health Colorectal Cancer & Gut Health Theme Duration: 12 months	\$4,950	IS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K
Dr Graeme Young	Provision of high level clinical expertise and advice regarding the Preventative Health Colorectal Cancer & Gut Health Theme Duration: 12 months	\$4,950	IS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K
Adam Smith, Rob Mules and Warwick Sayers	Design of a central Spatial Data Infrastructure for use by CSIRO GIS analysts Duration: 6 months	\$15,400	PA	RQ	No, not required. Under 400K
Geoff Ball	Specialist review of functions within the Food and Nutrition Science Division Duration: 5 months	\$42,900	SS	EX	No, not required. Under 400K

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Centre for International Economics	Independent investigation relating to wheat quality research Duration: 7 months	\$60,000	IS	RQ	No, not required. Under 400K
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Review of Procurement function Duration: 2 months	\$61,600	IS	ST	No, not required. Under 400K
Deloitte	Provision of independent audit services Duration: 2 years	\$200,000	IS	OT	No, not required. Under 400K Issued to AusTender No 2009069
Price Waterhouse Coopers	Benchmarking/reviews of all support functions Duration: 12 months	\$200,000	IS	OT	No, not required. Under 400K Issued to AusTender No 2009071
Deloitte	Expert advice on/facilitation of CSIRO strategy development for 2011-15 Duration: 11 months	\$500,000	SS	OT	Issued to AusTender No 2009079 Not on APP.

(All figures are GST inclusive)

Reason Code

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Procurement Code

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Reason for Consultancy

Need for independent style study/evaluation
Need for professional assistance to manage and facilitate change and its consequence
Specialist skills were not otherwise available

Procurement Method

An existing panel member – this category includes standing offers, common use arrangements and approved supplier panels.
Tenders sought from the market place (Request for Proposal, Request for Tender, Expressions of Interest).
Tenders being sought from suppliers who have pre-qualified through some form of previous competitive process.
Purchasing thresholds consistent with CSIRO's minimal standards.
Exemption arrangement such as sole supplier, pre-eminent expertise or urgency and/or practicality.