

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

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**Question:** AET 954-958

**Topic:** Consultancies (ATO)

**Written:** 5 March 2014

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

- 954) 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.
- 955) 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.
- 956) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?  
a) If so, which ones and why?

**Answer:**

- 954) Please refer to [tenders.gov.au](http://tenders.gov.au) for detail of consultancies undertaken in this period.
- 955) The ATO makes an allowance for expenditure on consultancies in the budget allocation process each year. All consultants are engaged on an identified operational needs basis only. There are currently no consultancies planned that are required to be published in the Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender.
- 956) Please refer to [tenders.gov.au](http://tenders.gov.au) for the published procurement method. The *Commonwealth Procurement Rules* outlines the three procurement methods of Open, Prequalified or Limited Tender and also sets out the conditions that must be met if Limited Tender is the procurement method used. The reason for a Limited Tender is not published, however all ATO Limited Tender procurements meet one of the required conditions, if over the relevant threshold.