

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing 2012-13
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: SI-149

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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.

ANSWER

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (DIISRTE)

1. Details of relevant procurement contracts undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au.
2. Planned procurements for the department and portfolio agencies are included in the 2012-13 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

IP AUSTRALIA

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

1. Details of consultancies undertaken this financial year to date are provided in the following table:

Consultant	Subject matter	Start Date	End Date	Procurement Method	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)
Aspectus Broadcasting	Provision of Electronic Engineering Services	01-Jan-12	30-Jun-13	Request for quotation	50,000
Moreton Consulting	Provision of services to create materials to assess Principal's performance	11-Jul-12	10-Oct12	Select tender	14,400
Moreton Consulting	Facilitation services	22-Oct-12	23-Oct-12	Select tender	5,400

2. Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, AIATSIS publishes all planned procurements over \$400,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au. Prior to the engagement of consultants AIATSIS attempts to seek service internally however in those circumstances where it is unable to meet requirements from internal sources, AIATSIS will engage with the external marketplace.

**COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION
(CSIRO)**

1. Details of consultancies undertaken this financial year to date are provided in the following table:

Consultant	Subject matter	Start date	End date	Procurement Method	Estimated Total Life Cost \$ (GST inclusive)	Actual Spent Amount \$ (GST inclusive)
Energetics Pty Ltd	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the ETF's Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	02-Jul-12	31-Aug-12	RQ	28,710	-
Wyld Consulting	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the ETF's Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	30-Jul-12	30-Sep-12	EX	30,250	-
SAP Australia Pty Ltd	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the ETF's Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	01-Aug-12	30-Sep-12	EX	26,631	26,631
Wohlers Associates Inc	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the ETF's Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	01-Oct-12	31-Dec-12	EX	7,900	-
SAP Australia Pty Ltd	The Consultants will provide independent advice on documentation associated with implementation and use of a new version of SAP software – Business Planning and Consolidation v10 – currently being implemented for CSIRO by information technology (IT) contracting company Plaut IT.	25-Jun-12	06-Jul-12	EX	-	16,908
RPL Consulting	The Consultant will investigate and develop a CSIRO Property Strategy.	11-Nov-11	15-Sept-2012	EX	-	14,378
Total value of consultancies let during July 2012 - Oct 2012					93,491	
Total value of consultancies spent during July 2012 - Oct 2012						57,917

Procurement Method Code:

- OT** Tenders sought from the market place (Request for Proposal, Request for Tender, Expressions of Interest).
- RQ** Purchasing thresholds consistent with CSIRO's minimal standards.
- EX** Exemption arrangement such as sole supplier, pre-eminent expertise or urgency and/or practicality.

2. Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, CSIRO publishes all planned procurements over \$400,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP). Prior to the engagement of consultants CSIRO will attempt to seek the relevant service internally however in those circumstances where we are unable to meet our requirements from internal sources CSIRO will then engage with the external marketplace. Based upon the above circumstances consultancies are generally not included in CSIRO's APP and as such we have no consultancies published in our APP for the current calendar year.