

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E554_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Provide details on the method of their appointment, and reasons for any variation from open tender?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

CSIRO's Information Architecture and Website – Appointment of Consultancies

Date engaged	Providers	Tender process	Reasons
April 2002	Abuzz Technologies Pty Ltd	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
April 2003	Acumen Alliance Pty Ltd	Not applicable	Expenditure incurred by the organisation relates to 3 separate engagements less than \$50,000 each. Tender not required. Acumen is an endorsed supplier under Department of Finance and Administration
November 2001	Ben Sandland	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
June 2004	Hippity Hop Journalism	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
May 2003	Ingena	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
November 2001	James Empson	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
May 2004	Libraries Alive	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
November 2002	Mayne Stream Communications	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.

April 2002	The Market Intelligence Co	Not applicable	Tender process not required for contracts less than \$50,000 in value.
April 2002	Vignette Pty Ltd	Exemption from Tender	<p>The e-CSIRO Steering Committee gave approval for an exemption of tender based on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) previous research conducted by CSIRO IT Services b) an independent review by Aspect Computing, Hiser, c) Considerable effort undertaken by DCITA, DEWRSB and the whole Government approach to e-business.