

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: CSIRO
Output Group: CSIRO

DEST Question No. E189_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 June 2003.

Question:

Refers to DEST Questions No E792_03, E793_03 and E794_03

In E792, 793 and 794 you have identified 39 separate items.

- (a) In relation to this answer, can you expand the table you provided in E794 to include the value of each item and the name of the contactor that undertook the work?
- (b) In addition, in items where the cost exceeded \$10,000, could you identify what form of tender was used to select the supplier?
- (c) How many items in the conversion exceeded \$50,000?
- (d) Can you identify, for each of these, what tendering process was adopted?
- (e) How many went to open tender?

Answer:

CSIRO has provided the following response.

Southern Surveyor - refurbishment

- (a) An expanded table (Table 1) is attached.
- (b) For CSIRO managed items, the attached table indicates the purchasing procedure ("form of tender") used. All P&O managed items were acquired through P&O's own purchasing procedures and reimbursed by CSIRO under the terms of their Vessels Management Agreement with CSIRO.
- (c) Nine of the items exceed \$50,000.
- (d) Eight of the nine items over \$50,000 were managed by P&O. One item was managed by CSIRO (CTD - Hydro Winch Wires) and an exemption from tender was approved by the then Chief of CSIRO Marine Research as the company that supplied the wire is the sole supplier in the Australia/New Zealand/PNG region.
- (e) In terms of CSIRO managed items, no items went to open tender.

Southern Surveyor Conversion Project Table 1

Task Name	Managed By	Value	Contractors	Head Contractor	Form of Tender ^(Note 1)	Type of Item
1	P&O	7,302	Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Taylor Bros	>\$10,000	Equipment
2	P&O	372,216	Burness Corlett BG Crane Pty Ltd Kibbey & Cooper Lloyd's Register Mobil Oil Australia Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical	BG Crane		Equipment
3	P&O	98,087	Burness Corlett HMB Engineering Lloyd's Register P&O Qantas Revolution Design Royal Yacht Club Taylor Bros	P&O		Equipment
4	P&O	6,604	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros		Equipment
5	P&O	7,538	Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical	Trevor Grant Electrical		Equipment
6	P&O	500	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros		Equipment
7	P&O	87,346	GHT Customs Agency Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Taylor Bros		Equipment

Note 1 Re Form of Tender column - Details about purchasing procedures provided for CSIRO managed tasks only (nos 23 to 39)

8	CTD-Hydro Winch	P&O	244,378	Bullivant Hempels Marine Paints I Helmond Revolution Design Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical	Taylor Bros	Equipment
9	Forward Hold - Improved Internal Access	P&O	5,656	Taylor Bros Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Taylor Bros	Facilities
10	Gilson Winches	P&O	31,651	Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical	Taylor Bros	Equipment
11	Low Tow Attachments	P&O	1,049	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros	Equipment
12	Relocate various structures and fittings	P&O	70,054	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros	Equipment
13	Shorten Fixed A-frame (incorporated into item 15 as work progressed)	P&O	-	Taylor Bros		Equipment
14	Stern A-frame	P&O	517,744	Allison Laboratories Collex Hempels Marine Paints Hydroil Pty Ltd Lloyd's Register Revolution Design Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Taylor Bros	Equipment
15	Stern Gantry removal	P&O	22,005	Collex Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical	Taylor Bros	Equipment
16	Stern ramp - Removeable cover	P&O	16,358	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros	Equipment
17	Tie-down points	P&O	6,488	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros	Equipment
18	Towing Winch	P&O	1,293	Trevor Grant Electrical	Trevor Grant Electrical	Equipment
19	Trawl net fairings	P&O	4,196	Taylor Bros	Taylor Bros	Equipment

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20	Sewage Treatment Plant	P&O	76,806	Antelope Engineering Pty Ltd Taylor Bros Toll Transport Trevor Grant Electrical Trevor Grant Electrical T & T Tech	Antelope Engineering Pty Ltd	Facilities
21	Split Electrical Distribution Board	P&O	90,391	DPIWE Analytical P&O Trevor Grant Electrical W Chung	Trevor Grant Electrical	Equipment
22	Incinerator Miscellaneous*	P&O P&O	- 12,112		*minor items not anticipated in original list of works, but required as project progressed.	Facilities Facilities
23	Information Technology	CSIRO	12,497	Away Voice & Data Pty Ltd	Away Voice & Data Pty Ltd	Facilities
24	Container Lab Facilities (incorporated into item 23 as work progressed)	CSIRO	-	Away Voice & Data Pty Ltd		Facilities
25	Hydrochemistry Lab	CSIRO	13,236	Harvey Norman Pty Ltd Kibbey & Cooper OneSteel Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	All transactions to any individual firm less than \$5k.	Facilities
26	Wet Lab	CSIRO	-	CSIRO Workshops		Facilities
27	Bridge and above bridge	CSIRO	20,056	Taylor Bros Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Taylor Bros	Equipment
28	Broad beam 12 kHz transducer	CSIRO	1,084	Sundry transactions (<\$1k)		Equipment

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29	CTD-Hydro Winch Wires	CSIRO	110,278	C&R Equipment Pty Ltd Underwater Video Systems Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Underwater Video Systems	Exemption from tender obtained as Underwater Video Systems is sole supplier throughout Australia, New Zealand and PNG.	Equipment
30	Winch data displays	CSIRO	8,582	Strainstall UK Ltd Coves Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Strainstall UK Ltd Coves		Equipment
31	Constant Temperature Lab	CSIRO	1,637	Sundry transactions (<\$1k)			Facilities
32	Coring Blocks (2x)	CSIRO	13,303	C&R Equipment Pty Ltd Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	C&R Equipment Pty Ltd	Exemption from quotation obtained due to compatibility of gear.	Equipment
33	Coring Wire	CSIRO	33,307	Cookes New Zealand Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Cookes New Zealand	Three written quotes obtained and the cheapest quote selected.	Equipment
34	CTD Trolley	CSIRO	7,150	Gearco Engineering Pty Ltd Nubco-stainless steel angle Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Gearco Engineering Pty Ltd		Equipment
35	Forward Hold Storage	CSIRO	-				Facilities
36	Productivity to GP Lab	CSIRO	1,226	Sundry transactions (<\$1k)			Facilities
37	Upgrade Accommodation	CSIRO	40,579	Curtainworld Kingston Pty Ltd Gallery Carpet Services Taylor Bros Trevor Grant Electrical Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Gallery Carpet Services	2 quotes obtained for carpet – cheapest quote selected. One quote obtained on curtains due to specialized needs related to Lloyds classification for materials used on vessel. One quote for engineering work due to Taylor Bros availability on site. All other transactions less than \$5k and 1 quote only required.	Facilities
38	Upgrade Gym	CSIRO	4,339	Associated Elevator & Electrical HealthEquip Sundry transactions (<\$1k)			Facilities

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39	Project Contingency	CSIRO	33,926	Associated Elevator & Electrical Away Voice & Data Pty Ltd Eagle Plastics EBL UK Floorworld Taylor Bros M Green (safety work) Sundry transactions (<\$1k)	Most payments to individual firm less than \$5k. EBL UK ex-gratia payment \$14k re A-frame. Associated Elevator (\$5825) one quote obtained which was under \$5k, but additional work performed.	Equip & Facilities
OVERALL POSITION			1,980,974			

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