

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman  
**Outcome/Program:** 1  
**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Ryan  
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**Question:**

- (1) How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date?
- (2) 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.
- (3) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
- (4) (a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not, why not?  
(b) 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:**

- (1) Nil.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) One.
- (4) (a) No, the project was identified after publishing the APP.  
(b) ICT security considerations; no other details are available as the procurement process relation to this is still in progress.