

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates - February 2013
ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ryan

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Type of Question: Written

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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.

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:

For the FYTD (as at 31 January 2013) the Office has undertaken 13 consultancies from 12 providers (*two separate consultancies undertaken by Tanner Architects). Please see table below for details.

Date	Consultant	Subject Matter	Cost (incl GST)	Method of procurement
16/07/2012	Hughes Trueman	Heritage Management	\$6,688	Direct
27/08/2012	Synergy Group	Financial Services	\$7,200	Direct
23/08/2012	*Tanner Architects	Heritage Architects	\$28,900	Direct
06/08/2012	Heymann-Cohen	Quantity Surveyors	\$9,433	Direct
16/08/2012	Taylor Brammer Landscape Architects	Landscape Architects	\$21,596	Direct
04/07/2012	Acor Consultants	Engineers	\$6,215	Direct
29/08/2012	Phillip Leeson Architects	Heritage Architects	\$12,108	Direct
1/08/2012	Kuttner Collins & Partners	Inspection, Review & Reports	\$6,432	Direct
17/10/2012	Donald Cant Watts Corke (ACT)	Quantity Surveyor	\$6,050	Direct
17/10/2012	Rudd Consulting Engineering	Lighting Services	\$616.00	Direct
12/11/2012	Patinations Conservation Services	Assessment of heritage assets	\$3,259	Direct
28/11/2012	Rudd Acoustics	Acoustic engineering advice	\$2,200	Direct
		Total YTD 31 January 2013	\$110,696	

Consultancies have not been specifically planned, although a number of consultancies will be undertaken as and when required. They do not form part of the Annual Procurement Plan (APP), because they are not considered significant procurement activity.