

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

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.

ONA Response:

1. ONA engaged the services of the following consultants this financial year to date:
 - Quality Management Solutions – Work Level Standards review and evaluation
12 weeks \$47,190, limited tender.
 - Patrick Doyle – building industry consultant, end of project review for New Building Project,
12 weeks \$33,485, limited tender.
 - SRC Solutions – Workplace Health and Safety assessment of new building,
1 day \$1,700, limited tender.
 - Providence Consulting Group Pty Ltd – IT related design and procurement options advice –
10 weeks \$79,000, open tender.
 - Resilience Outcomes Australia Pty Ltd – PSPF compliance review –
4 weeks \$15,035, limited tender.
 - Total consultancy value \$176,410.
2. ONA plans to engage two consultancies this calendar year:
 - Audit / Probitry Advisor – ONA anticipates a three year contract of approximately \$300,000 value via open tender (panel arrangement). As per Dept of Finance advice, this planned procurement is not listed on ONA's Annual Procurement Plan because the utilisation of a panel arrangement will not result in all potential suppliers being notified.
 - Business Continuity Plan provider – ONA anticipates a three month contract of approximately \$25,000 value via limited tender following the issue of a Request For Quote to multiple providers. This planned procurement is not listed on ONA's Annual Procurement Plan because the amount is under the 'significant' reporting threshold required for the APP.