

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Consultancies

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?

Answer:

1. During this current financial year, as at 15 October 2012, four consultancies have been undertaken (commenced) to date.

Name	Subject matter	Duration (days)	Contract Price \$	Method of procurement
Ashurst	Procurement advice	30	18,431	Open tender
Mary Barlow	270 degree performance system	67	110,000	Limited tender
The Loch Group Pty Limited	Review of ICT services	17	82,500	Limited tender
Workplace Research Associates Pty L	Facilitation of APS-wide consultations	118	33,820	Open tender

2. The APSC's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) contains three planned procurements which contains components that may be a consultancy:

Item	Status
Development and delivery of SES leadership development interventions	Yet to go to tender
Capability development panel	Yet to go to tender
Senior Reviewers for agency capability reviews.	Issued as a multi-use list in August 2012. No procurement has been sourced from this multi use list.

Consultants may be sourced through open, prequalified or limited tender procurement methods in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. A planned consultancy is not included on the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) if it is expected to be sourced from an existing panel or multi use list, or where prequalified or limited tender procurement methods are permitted.