

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING: 11 February 2013

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(AE13/0463) PROGRAM: Internal Product

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

Portfolio wide - 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:

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) has undertaken 57 consultancies this financial year to 19 March 2013, at a total value of \$10 070 627. The full details of these consultancies are available on Austender in accordance with Commonwealth procurement reporting requirements.

All planned consultancies which would result in a covered procurement (total value of \$80 000 or more) are published in the Annual Procurement Plan. Most consultancies undertaken on behalf of the department are to address a need that arises in the short to medium term. Those consultancies may not be planned at the time that the Annual Procurement Plan is compiled. The department is continuing to improve Annual Procurement Plan reporting, with the aim of providing a greater level of notice to consultants and other providers.

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Answer:

The Annual Procurement Plan is updated regularly with all planned consultancies. Five consultancies have been undertaken in this financial year to 31 January 2013. These include:

1. Profmark Consulting (member and staff opinion survey), 4 months, \$22 242, limited tender
2. Conneley Walker (security consultant new tenancy fit out), 7 months, \$9 240, limited tender

3. Nexus Management Consulting Pty Ltd (tribunal strategic plans 2013–15), 6 months, \$14 200, limited tender
4. Property Control Group Pty Ltd (multiple property lease negotiations), 6 months \$72 355, limited tender
5. Heymann-Cohen Pty Ltd (quality and cost control on fit out construction project) \$17 600, limited tender.

Total value of all consultancies is \$135 637.

All contracts over \$10 000 are published on Austender.

No further consultancies are planned for this calendar year.