

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE: 27 – 28 May 2013**

### **IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE13/0513) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (Written) asked:

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 has undertaken 63 consultancies this financial year to 28 May 2013, at a total value of \$6 604 423. 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.

*MRT-RRT:*

Five consultancies have been undertaken in this financial year to 12 June. 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, security and risk assessments all locations), 7 months, \$28,213, limited tender. 3. Nexus Management Consulting Pty Ltd (tribunal strategic plans 2013-15), 6 months, \$14,200, limited tender. 4. Heymann-Cohen Pty Ltd (quality control on fit out construction), 7 months, \$22,270, limited tender. 5. Property Control Group Pty Ltd (multiple property lease negotiations), 6 months \$72,355, limited tender. Total value of all consultancies is \$159,280. One further consultancy is planned for this

calendar year. Sydney long term accommodation (multiple property lease negotiations), 12 months, \$75,000, open tender.  
The Annual Procurement Plan is updated regularly with all planned consultancies. All contracts over \$10,000 are published on Austender.