

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australian Communications and Media Authority**

**Question No: 27**

**Program No. Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Consultancies**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? If so, which ones and why?

**Answer:**

1. The ACMA have undertaken three consultancies with a total value of \$37,842.12 all procured through direct source arrangement.

<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Ashurst Australia	Legal Advice on Draft Contract for Numbering Services	10 Jan - 30 June 14	\$29,378.72
Bureau of Meteorology	High Frequency Direction Finding (HFDF) Assessment of New Site of Configuration	9 Dec 2013 - 15 Feb 14	\$5,665.00
Access EAP	Employee Assistance Program Counselling Sessions	1 Dec - 31 Dec 2013	\$2,798.40

2. None.
3. None.