

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Australia Post**

**Question No: 167**

**Program No. Australia Post**

**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. Australia Post engaged four major management consultants (ie those costing \$250K or more), at a total cost of \$3.6m in the period 1 November 2013 to 31 January 2014. Specific details about individual consultants are commercial-in-confidence.
- 2-3. Australia Post's reporting systems do not identify consultancies planned for the remainder of 2013-14. As a Government Business Enterprise, Australia Post is not required to produce or publish an Annual Tender Plan on the AusTrade website. Specific details about individual consultants are commercial-in-confidence.