

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Consultancies**

Question: **265**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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?
  - a. If so, which ones and why?

**Answer**

1. Between 26 February 2014 and 30 June 2014, DPS has undertaken the 17 Consultancies listed below to a total value of \$1,127,648.64 (GST exclusive).

| <b>Name of the Consultant</b>       | <b>Subject Matter</b>                         | <b>Method of Procurement</b> | <b>Start Date</b> | <b>End Date</b> | <b>Value (AUD) GST Exclusive</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Australian Government Solicitors    | Legal Services                                | Prequalified Tender          | 6-Mar-14          | 30-Jun-14       | \$18,500                         |
| Australian Valuation Solutions      | Valuation Services                            | Limited Tender               | 28-Mar-14         | 31-Aug-14       | \$42,400                         |
| Callida Consulting                  | Detailed Cost Modelling Services              | Open Tender                  | 12-May-14         | 31-Oct-14       | \$48,000                         |
| Conrad Gargett Pty Ltd              | Preparation of a Conservation Management Plan | Open Tender                  | 3-Jul-14          | 15-Jun-15       | \$268,960                        |
| CPM Reviews Pty Ltd                 | Workplace investigation                       | Open Tender                  | 11-Apr-14         | 30-May-14       | \$18,000                         |
| Directors Australia                 | Policy Review Services                        | Limited Tender               | 5-Mar-14          | 31-Mar-14       | \$4,636.36                       |
| Ernst & Young                       | PGPA Implementation                           | Open Tender                  | 5-May-14          | 1-Jul-14        | \$111,250                        |
| Fujitsu Australia Limited           | Provision of ICT Consultancy Services         | Open Tender                  | 5-May-14          | 30-Sep-14       | \$149,550                        |
| Gravity Consulting Services Pty Ltd | Provision of strategic planning services      | Limited Tender               | 29-Apr-14         | 31-May-14       | \$2,500                          |
| Johnson Pilton Walker Pty Ltd       | Provision of Consultancy Services             | Limited Tender               | 14-May-14         | 31-Oct-14       | \$175,000                        |
| KPMG                                | Risk Management Services                      | Open Tender                  | 28-May-14         | 31-Jul-14       | \$27,000                         |

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| Minter Ellison                   | Review of Departmental Documentation                         | Prequalified Tender   | 21-May-14  | 30-Jun-14 | \$39,500                  |
| Pario Solutions Group            | Provision of review of security model                        | Open Tender           | 31-Mar-14  | 9-May-14  | \$48,000                  |
| People & Strategy (ACT) Pty Ltd  | Capability Development Strategy                              | Open Tender           | 4-Apr-14   | 23-Apr-14 | \$4,318.18                |
| Peter Mould Architect Pty Ltd    | Review of Conservation Management Plan and Design Principles | Limited Tender        | 21-Mar-14  | 30-Jun-14 | \$22,500                  |
| Workplace Research Assoc P/L     | Workforce Reviews in DPS                                     | Open Tender           | 19-Mar-14  | 30-Jun-14 | \$90,909.09               |
| Xact Project Consultants Pty Ltd | Project Advisory Services                                    | Open Tender           | 20-Mar-14  | 30-Jun-14 | \$34,125                  |

2. DPS has one planned consultancy for the Calendar year 2014. AusTender has changed the process for publishing APPs. There is no ability to add a new APP prior to 1 July 2014, there will be no rollover functionality available. Therefore, DPS is unable to publish an APP for the remainder of this calendar year until 1 July 2014. From 1 June 2014, the 'Add APP' functionality was temporarily suspended. AusTender will transition the APP content from agencies' current APP into the rolling APP. Where an agency does not have a current APP, new APPs can be added from 1 July 2014 as a once only option.
3. The threshold for tender is \$80,000. Consultancies that are covered by an existing contract or deed are not required to go to tender in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPR).