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16 February 2018

Susan Cardell
Committee Secretary
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audits
Parliament of Australia

Dear Ms Cardell

Submission to New inquiry based on ANAO Report No. 19 (2017-18) *Australia Government Procurement Contract reporting*

I refer to your submission invite dated 14 December 2017 requesting contract reporting data and information on consultancies, non-consultancy services and on-hire labour contractors covering the past five financial years (that is 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17).

In the 2015-2016 Budget, the Government proposed reforms that the corporate services functions of the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court be merged with those of the Federal Court of Australia to form a single administrative body with a single appropriation. The merge commenced on 1 July 2016 and from that date there has been one prescribed entity for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*.

In response to the Submission invite, the Federal Court has provided data covering the top 3 categories and expenditure for each of the past five financial years, as requested. The data has been presented in a consolidated form for the Federal Court, Family Court and Federal Circuit Court for each of the requested periods. We wish to also note that some financial years do not have 3 categories that apply to the reporting requirement.

Data in response to your request is provided as follows:

Part (a) – data covering the top 3 categories for consultancy services and expenditure for each category

| Categories | Expenditure | Count |
|--|--------------|-------|
| 2012/2013 | | |
| Information technology consultation services | \$419,202.00 | 9 |
| Business intelligence consulting services | \$24,200.00 | 1 |
| Market research | \$19,910.00 | 1 |
| 2013/2014 | | |
| Information technology consultation services | \$607,979.00 | 8 |
| Organisational structure consultation | \$100,871.00 | 3 |
| Risk management consultation services | \$4,000.00 | 2 |
| 2014/2015 | | |
| Information technology consultation services | \$339,582.00 | 8 |
| Risk management consultation services | \$20,580.00 | 3 |
| Network security equipment | \$80,685.00 | 1 |
| 2015/2016 | | |
| Information technology consultation services | \$521,755.00 | 8 |
| Business intelligence consulting services | \$230,975.00 | 4 |
| Risk management consultation services | \$44,916.00 | 3 |
| 2016/2017 | | |
| Strategic planning consultation services | \$143,062.00 | 10 |
| Information technology consultation services | \$668,603.00 | 7 |
| International relations | \$16,617.00 | 1 |

Total consultancy services expenditure by Financial Years:

| Financial Year | Sum of Expenditure |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2012/2013 | \$669,295.00 |
| 2013/2014 | \$999,649.00 |
| 2014/2015 | \$651,456.00 |
| 2015/2016 | \$1,497,172.00 |
| 2016/2017 | \$890,378.00 |
| Grand Total | \$4,707,950.00 |

*Part (a) – data covering the top 3 categories for non-consultancy services and expenditure for each category**

| Categories | Expenditure | Count |
|---|--------------|-------|
| 2012/2013 | | |
| Legal Staff | \$6,357.00 | 2 |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$58,200.00 | 2 |
| 2013/2014 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$119,680.00 | 2 |
| 2014/2015 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$163,972.00 | 11 |
| 2015/2016 | | |
| Legal Staff | \$31,436.36 | 5 |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$63,525.00 | 1 |
| 2016/2017 | | |
| Financial Services | \$152,804.30 | 50 |
| Legal Staff | \$4,083.27 | 1 |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$65,340.00 | 1 |
| <i>*Please note: where less than 3 categories are shown, this is due to there being less than 3 categories of services contracted</i> | | |

Total non-consultancy services expenditure by Financial Years:

| Financial Services | Sum of Expenditure |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 2012/2013 | \$64,557.00 |
| 2013/2014 | \$119,680.00 |
| 2014/2015 | \$163,972.00 |
| 2015/2016 | \$94,961.36 |
| 2016/2017 | \$222,227.57 |
| Grand Total | \$665,397.93 |

Part (a) – data covering the top 3 categories for on-hire labour contractors.*

| Row Labels | Expenditure | Count |
|---|----------------|-------|
| 2012/2013 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$297,701.00 | 4 |
| Business Administration Services | \$30,427.00 | 1 |
| 2013/2014 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$569,525.00 | 8 |
| 2014/2015 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$1,639,335.00 | 18 |
| 2015/2016 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$1,536,272.00 | 20 |
| 2016/2017 | | |
| Information Technology Consultation Services | \$530,366.00 | 7 |
| <i>*Please note: where less than 3 categories are shown, this is due to there being less than 3 categories of services contracted</i> | | |

Total on-hire labour expenditure by Financial Years:

| Financial Years | Sum of Expenditure |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2012/2013 | \$328,128.00 |
| 2013/2014 | \$569,525.00 |
| 2014/2015 | \$1,639,335.00 |
| 2015/2016 | \$1,536,272.00 |
| 2016/2017 | \$530,366.00 |
| Grand Total | \$4,603,626.00 |

Part (b) – Commentary or observations

In regards to Part (b), the Court does not have any further commentary to provide on matters raised in the Audit report.

If you have any further questions in regards to our response, or require additional information for the Committee, please contact Catherin Sullivan, Executive Director Corporate Services on _____, or by email on _____.

Yours sincerely

Warwick Soden
Chief Executive Officer & Principal Registrar