

## **Response to Question on Notice**

### **JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT**

#### *Inquiry on Australian Government Contract Reporting*

**Department/Agency:** Australian Electoral Commission

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 16 November 2018

**Number of pages:** 6

**Question:**

Provide a list of your agency's projects contracted to the 'big 4' consulting firms (Deloitte, EY, KPMG, and PwC) that have been completed or commenced in the last five years. In this list please include the following details:

- A description of the type of work contracted;
- The initial contract value; and
- The final project expenditure (including relevant contract variations or extensions), or if the project is continuing the current project expenditure.

**Answer:**

Please refer to the table at Attachment A. Data range is 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2018, unless noted otherwise. Figures are GST inclusive.

PricewaterhouseCoopers was the AEC's primary internal auditor for the period 2013 – 2018.

The information provided is extracted from the AEC's current financial reporting system. Due to changes in historical data capture and system reporting limitations, some expenditure cannot be assigned to a specific project, and/or may be for low value one off services. This information is provided as "Other".

**Attachment A**

*Deloitte*

Title	Description	Initial Contract Value	Expenditure
Accounting services	Support services for the financial management team.	\$105,000.00	\$76,615.00
Programme / Project Management Services	Assist in aligning Reform Team Program planning and governance arrangements with better practice.	\$78,810.00	\$78,809.50
Election Systems Modernisation	To develop the AEC Election Modernisation Business Case for approval.	\$1,738,000.00	\$783,570.70*
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$938,995.20</b>

\* Project ongoing. Actual payments made to date.

*EY*

Title	Description	Initial Contract Value	Expenditure
Performance Report Review	Review of agency performance reporting	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$88,000.00</b>

KPMG

Title	Description	Initial Contract Value	Expenditure
Communication strategy and services	To assist with the planning and implementation of an internal and stakeholder communication strategy for the changes in the Senate voting system.	\$78,000.00	\$132,160.60
Establishment Review (DOF PANEL)	Undertake a review of the AEC, focusing on functional staffing requirements, excluding election periods.	\$698,870.00	\$678,389.50
AEC Liability Cap review	Review of level of liability with Fuji Xerox for Senate Scanning Solutions.	\$6,704.00	\$6,704.00
ICT Strategic Plan 2018-2023	Update the AEC ICT Strategic Plan to align with the revised AEC Corporate Plan 2017-21.	\$277,975.00	\$277,975.00
Compliance review	Review of Financial Management Act agency compliance	\$48,950.00	\$19,580.00
Contract management review	Review of contract management	\$31,900.00	\$12,760.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,127,569.10</b>

PwC

Title	Description	Initial Contract Value	Expenditure
Audit Committee Reporting	Attendance and reporting to Audit committee.	\$17,000.00	\$16,985.40
Internal Audit	Review of Business Continuity Planning.	\$27,500.00	\$24,999.75
Internal Audit	Review of Federal Direct Enrolment and Update.	\$38,500.00	\$34,995.00

Internal Audit	Review of Election Operations (2013 Federal Election).	\$40,000.00	\$19,634.50
Internal Audit	Review of Complaints Handling.	\$22,500.00	\$22,494.60
Internal Audit	IT Health Check.	\$35,000.00	\$29,995.90
Internal Audit	Review of Property Management.	\$30,000.00	\$6,242.00
Internal Audit	Review of Election Operations (2014 Griffith by-election).	\$16,766.00	\$16,398.97
Internal Audit	Review of Election Operations (2014 WA half Senate election).	\$42,775.00	\$42,768.70
Internal Audit Planning	Assurance Plan and 2014-15 Internal audit plan.	\$10,000.00	\$9,995.00
Internal Audit	2013 Keely Implementation project assurance review.	\$31,847.00	\$31,847.00
Internal Audit	Review of Election Evaluation.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Internal Audit	Review of People Services Systems Replacement (PSSR) project.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Internal Audit	Implementation of the Keely Report Recommendations.	\$30,000.00	\$31,295.62
Internal Audit	Risk Management Framework Maturity.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Audit Committee Reporting	Attendance and reporting to Audit committee.	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.03
Internal Audit	AEC Assurance Policy and Phase 1 Pilot.	\$27,500.00	\$28,780.08
Internal Audit	Review of McLeod recommendations (funding and disclosure)	\$25,000.00	\$14,300.00
Internal Audit	Review of Privacy, Security and Compliance audit.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Internal Audit Planning	2015/16 Internal Audit Plan.	\$20,000.00	\$14,000.00
Audit Committee Reporting	Attendance and reporting to Audit committee.	\$17,000.00	\$17,000.03
Internal Audit	Review of Internal Communications Processes.	\$28,162.50	\$30,978.75
Internal Audit	Contract Management.	\$26,385.00	\$26,385.00
Provision of Internal Audit Function	Provision of internal audit and associated services as per Internal Audit Plan and as	\$200,000.00	\$240,588.05

	directed by the Business Assurance Committee (note this is related to the below item however has been recorded separately in our procurement register).		
Provision of Internal Audit Function	Provision of internal audit and associated services as per Internal Audit Plan and as directed by the Business Assurance Committee (note contract was extended from 3 years to 5 years).	\$275,000.00	\$540,995.70
Internal Audit	Provision of AEC Pay 2016 election financial and ICT audit.	\$46,632.50	\$45,492.80
Internal Audit	Methodology to Improve the Reliability, Timeliness, Coverage and Cost Effectiveness of Key Enrolment Integrity Indicators.	\$90,000.00	\$87,526.84
Internal Audit	Review of training for temporary AEC staff.	\$105,000.00	\$106,260.53
Internal Audit	Provision of a short-term resource to assist with Compliance reviews.	\$40,425.00	\$35,266.00
Other			\$17,097.22
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,589,323.47</b>