

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2013-14
3 and 4 June 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-124

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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 (i.e. open tender, direct source etc.). Also include the 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.

ANSWER

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (DIICCSRTE)

1. Details of relevant procurement contracts undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au.
2. Planned procurements for the department and portfolio agencies are included in the 2012-13 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

IP AUSTRALIA

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.
2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

1. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

Details of relevant ASQA procurement contracts undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au.

2. Refer DIICCSRTE's response provided above.

Planned procurements for ASQA are included in the 2012-13 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

1. Please refer to AI-124 for details on consultancies for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013. Details of consultancies undertaken for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 are provided in the following table:

Consultant	Subject matter	Start Date	End Date	Procurement Method	\$ (GST exclusive)
Leanne Joyce	Development and implementation of a communications strategy	27-Mar-13	20-Nov-13	Select tender	83,750
John Tregear	Provision of services to analyse business needs	2-Apr-13	2-Oct-13	Select tender	20,000
Moreton Consulting	Provision of services to develop a Partnership Plan and the 2013-14 Business Plan for the Family History Unit (FHU)	27-Mar-13	27-Jun-13	Select tender	20,000
Moreton Consulting	Provision of services relating to National agreements for the FHU	23-May-13	23-Aug-13	Select tender	52,200

Kate Freebody	Acting CFO contract	27-May-13	31-May-13	Select tender	33,600
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2. Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, AIATSIS publishes all planned procurements over \$400,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au. Prior to the engagement of consultants AIATSIS attempts to seek service internally however in those circumstances where it is unable to meet requirements from internal sources, AIATSIS will engage with the external marketplace.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

1. Please refer to AI-124 for details on consultancies for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013. Details of consultancies undertaken for the period 1 February 2013 to 31 May 2013 are provided in the following table:

Consultant	Subject matter	Start date	End date	Procurement Method	Estimated Total Life \$ (GST inclusive)
Tanner James Management Consultants	Assessment of CSIRO Project Management capability	08-Apr-13	30-Jun-13	RQ	76,615
Paili Consulting Pty Ltd	Undertake a review of the CSIRO Education and Outreach program to explore strategic options/alternatives for future engagement of schools and community.	23-Apr-13	30-Jun-13	RQ	86,570
Howard Partners Pty Ltd	Review and investigate methods and measures to support technological innovation leading to workplace productivity increases	15-Apr-13	30-Apr-13	RQ	19,800
Cordelta	Review of CSIRO Procurement processes	22-Apr-13	10-May-13	RQ	14,850
Ogilvy Illumination	Stakeholder engagement survey - CSIRO awareness	26-Apr-13	31-Jul-13	RQ	77,115
Thomson Clark Shipping Pty Ltd	Advice on contingency on warranty period of Investigator Vessel	01-Mar-13	31-Aug-13	RQ	20,944
Cordelta	Health review of Sustainable energy for the SKA project (SESKA) project	08-May-13	30-Jun-13	RQ	49,268
RPL Consulting	Options analysis for CSIRO property portfolio	17-May-13	30-Jun 213	RQ	112,750

Consultant	Subject matter	Start date	End date	Procurement Method	Estimated Total Life \$ (GST inclusive)
RMD Stem Ltd	Evaluate the past and future impact on Australia's society, industries and the environment of the Flagship's research, providing economic and other appropriate indicators of impact	14-May-13	31-Aug-13	RQ	81,994
Qinetiq	Protective Security Framework Compliance Audit	22-May-13	05-Jun-13	RQ	11,000

Procurement Method Code:

- OT** Tenders sought from the market place (Request for Proposal, Request for Tender, Expressions of Interest).
RQ Purchasing thresholds consistent with CSIRO's minimal standards.
EX Exemption arrangement such as sole supplier, pre-eminent expertise or urgency and/or practicality.

- Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, CSIRO publishes all planned procurements over \$250,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP). Prior to the engagement of consultants CSIRO will attempt to seek the relevant service internally however in those circumstances where we are unable to meet our requirements from internal sources CSIRO will then engage with the external marketplace. Based upon the above circumstances we have no consultancies published in our APP for the current calendar year.

CLEAN ENERGY REGULATOR (CER)

- Refer DIICSRTEs response provided above.
- At this stage, the Clean Energy Regulator has no planned future consultancies. The Clean Energy Regulator will assess business requirements and outcomes on an as needs basis to determine if consultancy services are required. The Clean Energy Regulator will undertake the appropriate procurement process as required in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and the Clean Energy Regulator's Chief Executive Instructions.

CLIMATE CHANGE AUTHORITY (CCA)

- Refer DIICSRTEs response provided above.
- As of 31 May 2013, CCA is still finalising its plan for consultancies for 2013-14. When finalised, the plan will be published on the AusTender website.

The CCA has one planned consultancy at this time to provide "detailed econometric analysis of the drivers underpinning changes over the period 2000 to 2012 in:

- Australian electricity demand;
- the emissions from electricity supply in Australia; and
- the emissions intensity of the Australian economy".

This work is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2013-14 at an estimated cost of less than \$200,000. Procurement is through a limited tender.