

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 117

Topic: Consultancies

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Senator Ludwig asked:

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 (that is open tender, direct source). Also include total value for all consultancies.

Answer:

Department of Social Services

The Department of Social Services has entered into twenty (20) consultancy contracts between 21 November 2013 and 27 February 2014.

A listing of the Departments contracts (including consultancies), valued at \$10,000 or more is publicly available on the AusTender website. It includes the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement.

Australian Aged Care Quality Agency

The procurements below were undertaken by the former Aged Care Standards and Agency Ltd (ACSA). As ACSA was a company under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* procurement policies and procedures did not apply.

\$27,100 in total made up of:

- CIB Accountants regarding internal audit \$5,000;
- CIB Accountants regarding advice on deregistering of company on transition to *FMA Act* Agency \$3,000;
- Johnson Career Counselling regarding outplacement services to outgoing CEO \$15,000; and
- Brandon Consulting regarding consulting fees to incoming CEO \$4,100.

Aged Care Pricing Commissioner

The Office of the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner has undertaken one consultancy from November 2013 to date. The consultant was KPMG Advisory, the subject matter was aged care accommodation pricing, the duration of the arrangement was one training session, associated preparation time including two briefing sessions, the cost of the arrangement was \$4,908.00 including GST, and the method of procurement was direct sourcing. The total value for all consultancies was \$4,908.00.

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Australian Institute of Family Studies

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has undertaken one consultancy since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013.

A listing of the Institute's contracts (including consultancies), valued at \$10,000 or more is publicly available on the AusTender website. It includes the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement.

National Disability Insurance Agency

Fourteen consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014. Details are provided in the table below. Listed amounts are GST exclusive.

Name of consultant	Subject matter	Start date of consultancy	End date of consultancy	Method of procurement	Cost of the arrangement
89 Degrees East Pty Ltd	Provision of advisory services to the Board to establish and manage strategic and communication priorities	2/12/2013	31/05/2014	Limited tender	\$80,000
Access Design Solutions	Provision of disability access services in relation to the Sydney and Newcastle sites	11/11/2013	30/12/2014	Limited tender	\$20,000
Alliance Consulting Group	Undertake benchmarking and service level standards for non-ICT activities within the Department of Social Services (MOU)	14/11/2013	30/06/2014	Direct source	\$42,240
Aquasora Pty Ltd	Provision of strategic advice to the Agency's Executive	31/12/2013	31/03/2014	Limited tender	\$165,000
Dyson Consulting Group	Provision of advice to refine Reference Package Modelling to assist in funding for planners at the Agency	16/12/2013	28/02/2014	Limited tender	\$45,000

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Ernst & Young	Provision of Internal Audit Services to the Agency	23/12/2013	31/12/2014	Open tender	\$275,000
Heather Browning	Provision of Assistive Technology for a national approach to sourcing, procurement, contracting, supply and service delivery	4/12/2013	30/05/2013	Limited tender	\$140,000
Heather Browning	To assist with the finalisation of the Implementation Plan for the ' <i>National Approach to Aids, Equipment and Home Modifications Project</i> '	17/12/2013	17/11/2013	Limited tender	\$20,800
Innov8 Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Provision of an external representative on the SES Recruitment Panel	18/11/2013	30/03/2014	Limited tender	\$27,500
KPMG Australia	Provision of advice in developing a risk management framework and strategy	23/12/2013	22/12/2014	Open tender	\$37,125
Spacelift Design Consultancy	Provision of property design services - Murray Bridge (SA)	28/11/2013	30/06/2014	Limited tender	\$58,938
Spacelift Design Consultancy	Provision of property design services	18/12/2013	30/06/2014	Limited tender	\$12,500
The Hambling Family Trust	Provision of strategic advice relating to the priorities of the Agency Board	1/11/2013	31/01/2014	Limited tender	\$7,364
WSP Buildings Pty Ltd	Provision of a due diligence inspection and report in relation to the Sydney office (Level 9/300 Elizabeth Street)	26/11/2013	19/12/2013	Limited tender	\$4,840
				Total	\$936,307