

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: DSS Grant Process

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

How much was spent on external consultancies in relation to this grants round?

- a. Who was engaged under these consultancies?
- b. What services were provided under the consultancies?
- c. Were these consultancies part of the original plan for the assessment process?

Answer:

To support the work of the open selection process, in 2014/15 FY the Programme Office has engaged in five consultancies to the value of \$1.170 million GST inclusive.

The consultancies were part of the original plan for the assessment services.

Service Provider	Summary of service provided
Oakton Services	Probity services
Nous Group	Develop communication and resource material to support the application process
PriceWaterHouseCoopers	Develop ratio methodology and perform financial viability desktop assessments
Oakton Services	Provide Quality Assurance advice
Nous Group	Provide project management, planning and governance support