

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES - 21 NOVEMBER 2013 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Consultancies

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Question:

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 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 (i.e.. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.
- b) 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:

- a) The Department of Human Services has not initiated any consultancy contracts from 7 September 2013 to date.
- b) There are no consultancies planned for this calendar year.
Consultancies are not generally published in the department's Annual Procurement Plan as the need for specialist services does not become apparent until specific issues or business needs are identified. The details of all consultancy contracts valued at \$10,000 and over entered into are reported on the Government's AusTender website. The total expenditure on the department's consultancy contracts is reported in its Annual Report at the conclusion of each financial year.