

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 – 2017, 19 October 2016

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OUTCOME: 2 – Health Access and Support Services

Topic: Consultancies

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Rice, Janet

Question:

How many consultancies did FSANZ commission during the 2015–2016 financial year?

- a) For each consultancy, please outline the nature of the work, the consultant and the amount paid.
- b) Is declaring actual or potential conflicts of interest part of FSANZ's standard consulting contract?
- c) For how many of these consultancies commissioned during the 2015–2016 financial year did FSANZ require the consultant to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest?
 - i) In each instance where no declaration was required, please explain why not?
 - ii) For each consultancy where a declaration was made, please table that declaration and the response of FSANZ.

Answer:

- a) Information on these consultancies is available in Appendix 7 of the 2015–16 Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Annual Report (<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/publications/annualreport201516/Pages/Annual%20Report%202015-2016.aspx>)

Consultant	Nature of consultancy	Amount – Excl GST	Reason for use*	Selection process
Adelaide Research and Innovation Investment Trust (ARI)	Consumer Research	41,350.91	B/C	Sole Provider
Adelphi Digital Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Design of an Information Hub	10,800.00	A/B	Sole Provider
Agora Consulting Pty Ltd	Provision of temporary staff and costing work on Enterprise agreement	42,554.10	A/B	Selective Tender

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AKC Consulting Pty Ltd	Guidelines on MRLs in APEC economies	13,873.00	A/B	Sole Provider
Australian National University (ANU)	Health Outcome Pathogen Trees	30,000.00	A/B	Sole provider
Clayton Utz	Legal services	49,860.00	A/B	Panel
Commsnet Group Pty Ltd	Citrix Netscale consultancy	16,000.00	B	Panel
Data Analysis Australia Pty Ltd	Consumer Food Labelling Peer Review	11,652.73	B/C	Sole Provider
Ernst & Young	Government Cost Model	29,545.45	A	Panel
Face 2 Face Recruitment	Provision of temporary staff	71,842.94	A/B	Pre-qualified tender
Linda R Scott & Associates Pty Ltd	Coaching of staff	51,816.53	A/B	Sole Provider
National Measurement Institute (NMI)	Survey of Phthalates in Food	92,358.00	C	Selective Tender
NGS Global	Specialised Recruitment Services - Chief Executive Officer	14,021.49	B	Pre-qualified tender
OMNI Potent Solutions	Provision of support and maintenance services for FSANZ's food composition database, ANDB.	11,781.76	A/B	Sole Provider
Protiviti	Provision of Internal Audit services	35,902.00	B	Part of an existing contract
Dr Paul Brent	Guidelines on MRLs in APEC economies	12,412.00	A/B	Sole Provider
Randstad Pty Limited	Provision of temporary staff - Canberra Office Reception	66,135.19	A/B	Panel
Roy Morgan Research Ltd	Consumer Labelling Study	67,619.03	A/B	Open Tender
Sapere Research Group Limited	Review of Project Management	11,521.68	B	Open Tender
Searchlight Group Pty Ltd	Specialised Recruitment Services - Chief Executive Officer	28,610.88	B	Selective Tender
Sensory7 Pty Ltd	Development of Survey Tool	10,000.00	B	Sole Provider
The Public Affairs Recruitment Company	Placement Fees - Communication Staff	13,462.32	A/B	Selective Tender
University of Tasmania	Imported Food Review	49,330.01	A/B	Open tender
Wardy IT Solutions	Redevelopment of FSANZ's food composition capabilities (Harvest-Silo)	401,285.00	A/B	Pre-qualified tender

Reason for use*Selection Process**

A – skills currently unavailable within agency

Sole provider

B – need for specialised or professional skills

Part of an existing contract

C – need for independent research or assessment

Selective tender

b) Yes.

c) FSANZ required the consultant to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest for all the consultancies listed above with the exception of the following:

i) Adelphi Digital Consulting Group Pty Ltd: Declaration of interest was not included in original contract (signed in 2011–2012).

Linda R Scott & Associates Pty Ltd: Declaration of interest was not sought as on retainer for set services at set rate. Service provider selected due to previous experience.

Sapere Research Group Limited: This represents an extension of work.

Declaration of interest was part of tender response in 2014–15.

Face 2 Face Recruitment: Provider did not provide a declaration in their contracts with the two contractors involved. One contractor was a former FSANZ officer. The other had previously worked with FSANZ under Sensory 7 (included in table above) where a declaration had been provided.

ii) No declarations were made.