

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 168  
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**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** Consultancies  
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**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include 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.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
  - a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - b) If so, why?

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment (the Department)***

1. All consultancies at or over \$10,000 (inc GST) for Non-Corporate Commonwealth entities (NCCEs) and \$400,000 (inc GST) for Corporate Commonwealth entities (CCE) are published on AusTender as per mandatory reporting requirements. Details of these consultancies can be found at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

Under contract reporting requirements set out in the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs), NCCEs and CCE's are not required to individually identify contracts under the abovementioned thresholds.

2. Planned procurements, including consultancies are published in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP). The APP can be found at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).
3. The consultancies listed below did not go out for Open Tender:

<b>Contract Notice ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Reason for not going out for tender</b>
CN3316783	Intellagama Pty Ltd	\$119,295	Chief Author Services	Commonwealth Procurement Rules Appendix A: Exemption from Division 2, 15. Contracts for labour hire

CN3311993	Collins Street Management	\$676,500	Wind Farm Commissioner	Commonwealth Procurement Rules Appendix A: Exemption from Division 2, 15. Contracts for labour hire
CN3311992	PIRSA	\$150,000	Ecological Monitoring and Evaluation	Commonwealth Procurement Rules Condition for Limited Tender 10.3(d)(iii). When the <i>goods</i> and services can be supplied only by a particular business and there is no reasonable alternative or substitute due to an absence of competition for technical reasons.
CN3311985	Gidarjil Development Corporation Ltd	\$88,000	Reef 2050 Indigenous Implementation Plan	Commonwealth Procurement Rules Appendix A: Exemption from Division 2, 17. Procurement of Goods and Services from an SME with at least 50 per cent Indigenous ownership.

### **Director of National Parks**

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3. Consultancy engagements valued at or above the Open Tender threshold of \$80,000 (GST inclusive) for NCCEs and \$400,000 (GST inclusive) for CCEs are conducted in accordance with the CPRs. As such, it is expected that unless there are extenuating circumstances, consultancies under this threshold would not go out to tender. For further information on these consultancies, the procurement method for all contracts notices valued at or above the reporting threshold are published on AusTender as per mandatory reporting requirements. Details of these consultancies can be found at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).

### **Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)**

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### ***Clean Energy Regulator (the Regulator)***

1. During the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015 the Clean Energy Regulator has undertaken the following consultancy:

<b>Name of consultant</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>End date</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Sourcing method</b>	<b>Value (GST inclusive)</b>
Callida Consulting	Procurement Support	31 Oct 2015	28 Feb 2016	121 Days	Limited Tender	\$40,000.00
<b>Total Value of consultancies (GST inclusive)</b>						<b>\$40,000.00</b>

2. Planned procurements, including consultancies are published in the Annual Procurement Plan (APP). The APP can be found at [www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au).
3. The Clean Energy Regulator complies with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules in relation to all procurements and utilises appropriate sourcing methods such as panel arrangements and approaches to market.

### ***Climate Change Authority (the Authority)***

1. The Climate Change Authority undertook one consultancy from 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Procurement Method:</b>
Electricity Modelling Peer Review Provider: HoustonKemp	21 Dec 2015 – 31 March 2016	\$60,000.00	Limited Tender

2. The Climate Change Authority has one further consultancy planned for this calendar year. The Climate Change Authority's Annual Procurement Plan will be updated accordingly. This procurement was not included as it was unexpected previously.

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	<b>Procurement Method:</b>
CGE (computable general equilibrium) Modelling Provider: TBA	TBA.	\$80,000.00 - \$130,000.00	Limited Tender ( <i>use of the Department of Social Services Social Policy Research and Evaluation Services panel</i> )

3. CGE Modelling has not gone out for tender but was done in line with procurement rules utilising a government panel.

### **Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority)**

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### **Bureau of Meteorology (the Bureau)**

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**Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)**

1. Nil.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

**Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)**

1. The CEFC does not classify its procurement according to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules (CPRs) framework to which the question refers. However, for the purposes of the answer the CEFC advises the following procurements since 15 September 2015:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Procurement</b>
RJ Hughes Consulting	Business consulting on credit and financial risk management matters	Nov15	\$5,000.00 incl. GST	Direct Source
Intuitive Communications PTY Ltd	Consulting services in support of energy efficiency aggregation transactions	Sep-Dec15	\$63,723.69 incl. GST	Direct Source
Advisian Pty Ltd	Secondee provided to Cities & Built Environment Taskforce	Nov15	\$36,490.60 incl. GST	Direct Source
Ms Property	Desktop review of building valuations related to a specific investment transaction	Sep15	\$11,000.00 incl. GST	Direct Source
Frontier Advisers Pty Ltd	Review, evaluation & recommendation of asset managers	Sep-Oct15	\$22,632.50 incl. GST	Direct Source
Foresight Management Group	Executive coaching program	Oct15-Nov15	\$29,562.50 incl. GST	Direct Source
BDO	Technical audit of aggregation program run by third party	Nov15-Jan16	\$14,245.00 incl. GST	Direct Source
<b>Total: \$182,654.29 incl. GST</b>				

2. A further consultancy is planned for financial year 2015-16. This has not been published either in the CEFC's Annual Procurement Plan or on the Austender website. Please note the CEFC is not an entity to which the CPRs presently apply.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Procurement</b>
RJ Hughes	Business consulting on credit and financial risk management matters	1 month	\$12,500	Direct Source

3. Yes. a) & b) All of the consultancies listed in the answers above have been direct sourced. The CEFC operates commercially and is not an entity to which the CPRs presently apply because the CPRs do not reflect the context in which the CEFC operates.