

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 439

Program No. SBS

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Consultancies

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 25 February, 2014 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.
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? If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

1.

Supplier	Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement	Total (excl. GST)
<i>Below \$10,000</i>		
Various	<i>Various (various durations and procurement methods)</i>	\$61,805
<i>Sub total</i>		<i>\$61,805</i>
<i>\$10,000-\$50,000</i>		
Cortell Australia Pty Ltd	Consultancy budgetary software implementation & training (<i>6 months duration, competitive quotations</i>)	\$28,000
Door Training	High performance development training for Marketing (<i>3 months duration, competitive quotations</i>)	\$20,000
Prentice & Partners	Executive Coaching Advertising Sales (<i>3 month duration, competitive quotations</i>)	\$10,000
Towers Watson Australia	Human Resources & work value remuneration benchmarking (<i>1 month duration, supplier selected for previous engagement by competitive quotations</i>)	\$15,452

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<i>Sub total</i>		\$73,452
>\$50,000		
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Risk & Fraud Framework refresh (2 month duration, direct source)	\$53,594
<i>Sub total</i>		\$53,594
Total		\$188,851

2.

Supplier	Purpose, Duration and Method of Procurement	Total (excl. GST)
Brian Knight & Associates	Electrical Engineering Consultancy (3 months duration, previously selected by competitive quotations)	\$75,000
To be selected	Lighting Engineering (1 month duration, competitive quotations)	\$10,000
Roger Turvey Associates Pty Ltd	Air conditioning - Chiller Upgrade consulting (3 months duration, previously selected by competitive quotations)	\$40,000
D W Know & Partners	Structural Engineering consultancy (1 month duration, previously selected by competitive quotations)	\$15,000
OpsCentre Pty Ltd	Business Continuity Planning Consultancy (8 months duration, existing supplier)	\$30,000
Strategy +	Accommodation consultancy on 'Agile Workspace' review (1 month duration, direct source)	\$27,900
To be selected	Architectural consultancy reviewing space management (2 months duration, competitive quotations)	\$15,000
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Risk & Fraud Framework refresh (1 month duration, direct source)	\$5,000
Gillian Fox Consulting	High performance development training for Online (3 months duration, competitive quotations)	\$30,000
Total		\$247,900

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3. Yes, as above. Under the SBS Purchasing Guidelines consultancies are subject to a public tender process only if they are valued over \$300,000. None of the consultancies for SBS exceeds this value. However, each consultancy is subject to a competitive quotation process, or in the case of direct source procurements, these consultancies are subject to review and approval by senior management.