

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 514**

**Program No. TUSMA**

**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 (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? If so, which ones and why?

**Answer:**

1. & 3. Details of the agencies consultancies valued in excess of \$10,000 are available on the Austender website ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)) as required.
2. In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, the agency is required to publish an Annual Procurement Plan on Austender by 1 July each year its coming forthcoming planned strategic and major procurements.