

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation

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Topic: Consultancies

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 1 June, 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?

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Answer:

1.

For the period of 1 June 2014 to date, the ABC spent \$2,615,635 on consultancies, broken down as follows (payments to consultants includes amounts as at 30th November 2014) below:

Consultant	Purpose of Consultancy	Total \$
Below \$10,000		
Various	Various	87,162
Sub total		87,162
\$10,000-\$50,000		
Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd	Technical advice	10,880
GHD Pty Ltd	Technical advice	10,924
MediaXchange Pty Ltd	Strategic advice	10,941
^Pfisterer + Freeman	International development projects	11,687
Ernst & Young	Finance, tax and other advisory services	11,825
CEG Asia Pacific Pty Ltd	Technical advice	12,000
^J-G Manguy	International development projects	12,420
Australian Federal Police	Technical advice	12,755
Circular Practice	Strategic advice	13,600
Butcher & Co Pty Ltd	Technical advice	15,919
Fulcrum Risk Services Pty Ltd	Technical advice	17,000
Wandobah Pty Ltd	Technical advice	18,514
Burnet Institute	International development projects	21,090
The Brain Company Pty Ltd	Technical advice	23,332
Deloitte (Australia) Pty Ltd	Technical advice	23,447
^Lieasi Global Ltd	International development projects	24,990
J McCarthy	Technical advice	25,000
P Graham	Strategic advice	25,000
^Mandy Gyles & Co	International development projects	27,300
Risk Logic Pty Ltd	Risk assessment and analysis	27,530
^Stancombe Research & Planning Pty Ltd	International development projects	28,664
G J Mott	Technical advice	30,000
LCR Advisory Pty Ltd	Technical advice	37,500
^Mackod Pty Ltd	International development projects	40,000
Mercer Consulting Pty Ltd	Strategic advice	42,195
Subtotal		534,513
Above \$50,000		
S Brown	Strategic advice	61,443
IT Newcom Pty Ltd	Technical advice	66,243
L.E.K Consulting	Technical advice	108,335
Stamford Interactive	Technical advice	133,414
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Technical advice	168,815
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Strategic advice	1,455,710
Sub total		1,993,960
Grand total		2,615,635
^ These items relate to international development projects funded by AusAID		

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Consultancies that are capitalised as part of an asset recorded in the balance sheet are excluded from the list above.

It is not practical to determine the duration of the above consultancies. The ABC's procurement policy, which complies with Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, was applied to the above consultancies. Contracts in excess of \$100,000 but less than \$400,000 typically require a request for quote (RFQ) process, whilst those contracts less than \$100,000 typically require three or more quotes.

2.

The ABC does not plan individual consultancies as such and cannot give an estimate of the likely number of consultants that may be engaged between now and 31 December 2014.

The ABC is not a prescribed agency subject to section 47A of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*, and as such, is not permitted access to the APP functionality within AusTender.

3.

Consultancies went out to tender in accordance with the procurement policy outlined in Question 1, above.