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Question: AET 1729-1732

Topic: Pre-election commitments or decisions – Grants (ASIC)

Written: 7 March 2014

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1729. Had your Department or agency issued any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants in the caretaker period or on the cusp of caretaker mode? Can you please provide details of what date such correspondence was issued and how many groups were written to?
1730. Have there been any contracts signed by your Department or agency in the caretaker period?
- Can you please provide details of the amounts involved?
 - Who were the other parties to these contracts?
 - What was the extent of any competitive process?
 - What was the level of involvement by Ministers and/or their offices?
1731. How much funding has this agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms?
1732. Were any contract negotiations called off in the past year after short-listing but before execution of contracts?

Answer:

1729. ASIC issued correspondence awarding 47 contracts during the caretaker period (5 August to 18 September 2013). Details of these contracts are provided in the response to question 2 below.
1730. There have been 47 contracts awarded by ASIC in the caretaker period. All were considered to be routine matters of administration in accordance with the caretaker conventions.
- Details of the amounts involved are listed at Attachment A.
 - The other parties to these contracts are listed at Attachment A.
 - Not applicable as grants are awarded on the basis of applications meeting the Assetless Administration Fund criteria.
 - There was no involvement by Ministers and/or their offices.
1731. There has been a total of \$925.00 paid to SA Unions over the past three years for work, health and safety training of ASIC staff.

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1732. Negotiation between ASIC and CPA Australia in relation to their inclusion on the Learning and Development Technical and IT Skills training panel was called off because agreement could not be reached between the two parties and there were sufficient service providers on the panel that could cover the learning areas.

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Attachment A

Grant Recipient	Amount	Date
Darren Weaver, Ferrier Hodgson	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Glenn Spooner, Cor Cordis	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Hugh Martin, Bernardi Martin	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Raymond Tolcher, Lawler Partners	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Raymond Tolcher, Lawler Partners	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Domenico Calabretta, Hall Chadwick	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Brent Kijurina, Hall Chadwick	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Clifford Sanderson, Dissolve Pty Ltd	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Bruce Gleeson, Jones Partners Insolvency & Business Recovery	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Max Donnelly, Ferrier Hodgson	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Gary Doran, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Bradley Hellen, Pilot Partners	\$8,250.00	12/08/2013
Bradd Morelli, Jirsch Sutherland	\$8,250.00	19/08/2013
Ian Lock, Sheahan Lock Partners	\$8,250.00	19/08/2013
Ian Currie, BRI Ferrier Southern Queensland	\$8,250.00	19/08/2013
Ian Currie, BRI Ferrier Southern Queensland	\$8,250.00	19/08/2013
Gavin Morton, Mortons Solvency Accountants	\$8,250.00	19/08/2013
Anthony McGrath, McGrathNicol	\$27,500.00	19/08/2013
Mark William Pearce, Pearce & Heers	\$8,250.00	2/09/2013
Mark Englebert, FTI Consulting	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Shane Cremin, Rodgers Reidy	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Mark Englebert, FTI Consulting	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Melanie Grohovaz, PWC	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Nick Carter, Deloitte	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Michael Carrafa, SV Partners	\$8,800.00	2/09/2013
Michael Dullaway, Pearce & Heers	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
John Morgan, BCR Advisory Pty Ltd	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Bruce Gleeson, Jones Partners Insolvency & Business Recovery	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Atle Crowe-Maxwell, BDO	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Darren Vardy, SV Partners	\$4,125.00	9/09/2013
Darren Vardy, SV Partners	\$4,125.00	9/09/2013
Jamieson Louttit, Jamieson Louttit & Associates	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Jamieson Louttit, Jamieson Louttit & Associates	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Jason Bettles, Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Nicholas Giasoumi, Dye & Co Pty Ltd	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
David Ingram, Hall Chadwick	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013

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David Hambleton, Rodgers Reidy	\$8,250.00	9/09/2013
Jason Bettles, Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Jason Bettles, Worrells Solvency & Forensic Accountants	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Steven Gladman, Hall Chadwick	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Steven Nicols, Nicols + Brien	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
William Fletcher, Bentley's Corporate Recovery	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Bryan Hughes, Pitcher Partners	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
David Hambleton, Rodgers Reidy	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Max Donnelly, Ferrier Hodgson	\$8,250.00	16/09/2013
Gideon Rathner, Lowe Lippmann	\$8,250.00	17/09/2013