

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 2025-2027

Topic: Consultancies (ACNC)

Written: 5/03/2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

2025. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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.

2026. 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.

2027. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?

a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

2025. Since 20 November 2013, the ACNC has undertaken one consultancy.

- The consultant is Ernst & Young.
- The subject matter is the regulatory and reporting burden on the not-for-profit sector in Australia.
- The duration of the contract is from to 9 December 2013 to 9 May 2014.
- The cost of the consultancy is \$149,761.
- The method of procurement was open tender from the Australian Taxation Office's panel of providers and was published on AusTender.

2026. The ACNC has one consultancy planned for the remainder of this calendar year.

- At 5 March 2013, the tender process had been finalised and the written contract will be executed shortly.
- The consultant is Curtin University of Technology.
- Curtin University of Technology were selected based on a limited Request for Quote, which was not issued via AusTender.

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- The subject matter is a longitudinal study using information lodged with the ACNC by registered charities via the Annual Information Statement. The purpose of this study is to provide a state of the not-for-profit sector summary on an annual basis.
- The duration of the contract is execution (early April 2014) to approximately 9 May 2014.
- The cost of this project is \$40,000, and as such does not require an open tender or approach to market via AusTender.

2027. Per the responses above:

- Ernst & Young were selected based on an open tender lodged on AusTender.
- Curtin University of Technology were selected based on a limited Request for Quote. Due to the budget allocated to the research project, an open tender on AusTender was not required.