

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 390-392

Topic: Consultancies (ACCC)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

390. 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.
391. 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.
392. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

390. The ACCC has undertaken 6 consultancies from 1 November 2013 to 18 March 2014. Details of consultancies are published on the Austender website, www.austender.gov.au.
391. The ACCC's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by regulatory and enforcement activities that arise on an ongoing basis and as such the ACCC is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies at any given time.
392. One consultancy entered into between 1 November 2013 and 5 March 2014, met the requirements for Division 2 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. This consultancy service was procured under the limited tendering provisions. Details are included below:

Contractor Name	Service Description	Start Date	End Date	Contract Value	Procurement Method	Reason for Procurement Method
Cadency Consulting Pty Ltd	Management advisory services for senior technical advice	1-Nov-13	30-Oct-14	\$246,052.73	Limited tender	Due to an absence of competition for services required