

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 531-533

Topic: Consultancies (AOFM)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

531. 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.
532. 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.
533. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
- a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

531. For the period from 22 November 2013 to 5 March 2014, there were five new consultancy contracts let as per the following table:

| Vendor | Description | Procurement Method | Total Value |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Corporate Scorecard Pty Ltd | Financial Assessment on Sungard Data System | Limited | \$ 680 |
| SunGard Asia Pacific Inc | Quantum Optimisation Review | Limited | \$ 14,625 |
| Australian Government Solicitor | Legal Advices on sunseting regulation about debt management | Limited | \$ 14,979 |
| Greenwoods & Freehills Pty Ltd | Legal Advices re transmutation facility (CDIs) | Limited | \$ 38,529 |
| PriceWaterHouseCoopers | Internal Audit Services | Open | \$ 741,330 |
| | Total | | \$ 810,143 |

532. There are no new consultancies planned for the remainder of this calendar year.
533. Four consultancy contracts were not put to an open approach to market as they were less than open approach threshold of \$80,000 set by the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and it was not considered "value for money" to conduct an open approach for these services.

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