

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: PC

Question: AET 1777-1779

Topic: Consultancies

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe & Wong, Penny

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1777. How many consultancies have been undertaken? 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.

1778. 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.

1779. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?

- a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
- b) If so, why?

Answer:

1777. Three consultancies have been undertaken since 14 September 2015 to 19 February 2016 involving expenditure of \$16,400 (GST exclusive). None of these consultancies is valued at \$10,000 or more, and therefore details have not been published on AusTender.

1778. The Productivity Commission's consultancy requirements are primarily driven by public inquiries and studies commissioned by the government from time to time, and as such the Commission is unable to define an exact number of planned consultancies at any given time. Any known major consultancies are disclosed in the Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender.

1779. Yes. All consultancies have been below the mandatory tender threshold of \$80,000.