

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ABS

Question: BET 1286-1288

Topic: Consultancies

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1286. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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.
1287. 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.
1288. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
- a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

1286. The following is the list of consultancies that have been undertaken by ABS from Additional estimates in February 2014:

Name	Amount	Subject Matter	Date From	Date To	Procurement Method
Contact Centre Action	\$30,000.00	Review the 2016 Census Inquiry Service Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Service.	07/04/14	02/06/14	Limited Tender
Denis Farrell	\$17,000.00	Data acquisition business model project advisor	03/04/14	30/06/14	Limited Tender
Belinda Gibson Business Advisor and Solicitor	\$70,000.00	Review of Sensitive information retention	11/06/14	31/07/14	Limited Tender
Jeffrey Harmer Pty Ltd	\$16,500.00	Support in developing the ABS response to the APSC's capability review	01/04/14	30/09/14	Limited Tender

Capability Driven Acquisition Pty Ltd	\$140,250.00	Review of the ABS ICT infrastructure capability and capacity, including the associated budget forecasts and the development of a Statement of Requirement to engage the market for a Prime Partner to assist the Bureau in delivering the digital Census in 2016.	17/03/14	30/06/14	Open Tender
American Institutes for Research	\$14,500.00	Big Data Training and Discussion and emerging statistical inference and tools for the analysis of Big Data	15/04/14	26/06/14	Limited Tender

Total value of all listed consultancies is \$288,250.

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