

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/ Agency: Australian Office of Financial Management

Question: BET 1618-1620

Topic: Consultancies

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1618 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.
- 1619 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.
- 1620 Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
- a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

- 1618 For the period 26 February 2014 to 12 June 2014

Vendor	Purpose	Procurement	Cost
First Treasury	Review of wire service pricing	Direct source	\$30,000
Asset Valuation Services	Asset valuation advice	Direct source	\$3,850
Australian Government Actuary	Leave valuation advice	Direct source	\$5,500
Peter Warne	Advisory board – member	Direct source	\$96,772
Peter Warne	Audit Committee - member	Direct source	\$50,699

- 1619 There are no new consultancies planned for the remainder of this calendar year.
- 1620 Three 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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Two consultancy contracts were for labour hire arrangements for a member of the AOFM's Advisory Board and Audit Committee to April 2017. This procurement is exempt from the open tender requirements.

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