

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

Department/ Agency: Productivity Commission

Question: BET 3112-3114

Topic: Consultancies

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

3112. 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.
3113. 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.
3114. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
a. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

3112. Four consultancies have been undertaken or are underway from 28 February 2014 to date (12 June 2014) involving expenditure of \$9,200 (GST inc). None of these consultancies is valued at \$10,000 or more, and therefore details have not been published on AusTender.
3113. 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.
3114. Yes. All consultancies have been below the mandatory tender threshold of \$80,000.