

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

**Department/ Agency:** ACNC

**Question:** BET 3444-3446

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

3444. 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.
3445. 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.
3446. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
- a. If so, which ones and why?

**Answer:**

3444. The ACNC entered into one new consultancy from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 12 June 2014. The ACNC also has one ongoing consultancy.

The two consultancies are:

1. Ernst and Young
2. Curtin University of Technology

**Subject Matter**

1. Ernst & Young: The subject matter is the regulatory and reporting burden on the not-for-profit sector in Australia.
2. Curtin University of Technology: The subject matter is a longitudinal study using information lodged with the ACNC by registered charities via the Annual Information Statement. The purpose of this study is to provide a state of the not-for-profit sector summary on an annual basis. This information will be published on the ACNC website, providing the sector and the public with value information about the charitable sector.

**Duration**

1. The duration of the Ernst & Young consultancy is December 2013 to July 2014.
2. The duration of the Curtin University of Technology consultancy is April 2014 to August 2014.

**Cost**

1. The total expenses of the Ernst & Young consultancy is: \$149,761.
  2. The total expenses of the Curtin University of Technology consultancy is: \$52,000.
- The total cost of the ACNC consultancies is: \$201,761.

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**AusTender/Method of procurement**

1. Ernst and Young were the successful of six consultants who were invited to submit a quote. These consultants were accessed via the ATO's Financial, Accounting, Audit & Related Services Panel. The [contract notice](#) was published on the AusTender website.
  2. The Curtin University of Technology consultancy was procured through a limited request for quote and was not issued AusTender.
3445. The ACNC has no further consultancies planned for the remainder of the calendar year.
3446. No
- a. N/A