

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBT 462-463

Topic: Consultancies

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

462. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 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.
463. 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.

Answer:

462. Six consultancies have been undertaken or are underway from 7 September 2013 to date (30 November 2013) involving expenditure of \$12,980 (GST inc). None of these consultancies is valued at \$10,000 or more, and therefore details have not been published on AusTender.
463. 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.