

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Treasury Portfolio**  
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2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency:** AOFM  
**Question:** SBT1159-1161  
**Topic:** Consultancies  
**Reference:** Written - 30 October 2014  
**Senator:** Ludwig, Joe

**Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 1159. How many consultancies have been undertaken? 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.
- 1160. 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.
- 1161. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
  - a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - b) If so, why?

**Answer:**

- 1159. One consultancy was undertaken for the provision of legal advice from the Australian Government Solicitor in relation to the sunseting of debt management regulations. The cost of this consultancy was \$7,000.
- 1160. Two consultancies are planned for the remainder of the calendar year, for the development of key performance indicators and a rebranding of Commonwealth Government Securities campaign. These consultancies were not identified in the Annual Procurement Plan on Austender as the expected amount is below the reporting threshold.
- 1161. The consultancy contracts were not put to an open approach to market as they were less than the 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.