

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Department/Agency: ABS

Question: SBT522-528

Topic: Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

522. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?
523. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?
524. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?
525. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?
526. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?
527. Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?
528. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?

Answer:

522.

The ABS does have existing panels that have been established via a competitive tender process in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

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S/No	Name of Panel	List of Panellists
1	ABS2011.132 National Test & Tag Program	- All States Safety Services Pty Ltd - Appliance Tagging Services Pty Ltd - Testel
2	ABS2011.185 National Property Advisory Services Panel	- APP Corporation - Colliers International - Five D Holdings Pty Ltd - GHD - Jones Lang Lasalle - UGLE Limited - Savills Project Management Pty Ltd
3	ABS2013.044 Refurbishment and Internal Fit-Out Panel	- Schiavello - Built - ISIS
4	ABS2013.026 Architecture, Cost Planning and Building Services Consultancy Panel	- Cox Architecture - Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn - GHD - Hassell

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Woodhead- Rider Levett Bucknall ACT- Aqenta- Turner and Townsend- Norman Disney and Young- AECOM
5	ABS2013.058 Office Furniture and Storage Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Baseline Commercial Furniture- Ninetwofive- Schiavello- Zenith
6	ABS2011.092 Domestic Removal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kent Moving and Storage- Grace Removals
7	ABS2012.234 Research & Testing Services for the 2016 Census Cycle Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Market Attitude Research Services- DBM Consultants- Optimal Experience Pty Ltd- Stancombe Research & Planning Pty Ltd- IPSOS Public Affairs Pty Ltd- Colmar Brunton Research Pty Ltd- ORC International Pty Ltd- Hall & Partners Open Mind Pty Ltd
8	ABS2013.129 Network Services and Storage Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dimension Data Australia Pty Ltd
9	ABS2012.034 Printing Services Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Canprint- BlueStar- PMG (Print Media Group)

524.

The process for establishing all panels in the ABS is in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and as such all ABS staff that are involved in the process are required to declare any and all conflicts of interest whether they be actual or perceived. If an ABS staff member had a conflict of interest financial or otherwise they would be removed from the process entirely.

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The process for establishing all panels in the ABS is in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and as such Ministerial staff is not involved in the establishment of the panels. All panellist submissions are assessed against a pre-defined criteria and the strength of their response to requirements is the sole factor in whether they are successful in being placed on an ABS panel.

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Australian Public Affairs is not on any of the ABS panels.