

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Outcome: Agency: ASQA**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000316**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

#### **ASQA: Consultancies**

#### **Question**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?
  - (a) List each, including name, cost and purpose
  - (b) If so, why?

#### **Answer**

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. ASQA has undertaken four consultancies, as listed in the following table:

#	Consultant name	Subject matter	Duration	Cost inc GST	Procured via
1	FutureTrain PL	ANX Training Development & delivery	22/12/2015 to 30/4/2016	\$237,000	Limited tender
2	MJ Johnson & Assoc	Implementing Risk Control infrastructure	1/1/2016 to 30/6/2016	\$40,000	Limited tender
3	Fivenines Consulting PL	Deliver Business Communications Plan	16/10/2015 to 30/6/2016	\$42,350	Open tender
4	Susan K Foster	Business Transformation	14/12/2015 to 30/6/2016	\$30,000	Limited tender
			<b>Total value</b>	<b>\$349,350</b>	

2. ASQA has five consultancies planned for 2016. None of these are published in the Annual Procurement Plan because all are planned to be sourced from panels already established through tender arrangements. Details of the consultancies are in the following table:

#	Consultant name	Subject matter	Duration	Cost incl GST	Procured via
1	<i>Yet to be determined</i>	IT and Dashboard reporting	May to June 2016	\$44,000	Limited tender
2	<i>Yet to be confirmed</i>	Workforce planning	March to April 2016	\$88,000	Limited tender
3	<i>Yet to be determined</i>	ANX post implementation review	June 2016	\$22,000	Limited tender
4	<i>Yet to be determined</i>	Survey for ICT	June to July 2016	\$19,600	Limited tender
5	Pitcher Partners	Gateway review	March to May 2016	\$33,000	Limited tender
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$206,600</b>	

3. No. All consultancies have gone through tender processes. Where ASQA has not used open tender, ASQA uses panel arrangements established via tender processes, i.e. a limited tender.

- a) Not applicable
- b) Not applicable