

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Safe Work Australia

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000650

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

SWA - Consultancies

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

1. Since 14 September 2015, eight consultancies have been undertaken. Table 1 contains details of these.

Table 1: Consultancies undertaken by Safe Work Australia for the period 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016.

Vendor	AusTender Description	Start	End	Contract Value (GST Inc)	Procurement Method
EY Sweeney	Collection of business perceptions of regulatory burden and perceived costs related to the regulation of explosives	16/09/2015	2/11/2015	\$ 105,600.00	Prequalified Tender
Clayton Utz	Corporate Legal Services	18/09/2015	31/10/2015	\$ 10,000.00	Prequalified Tender
Bryan Russell	Application of the Safe Work Australia High Risk Work Licensing Decision Making Framework	23/10/2015	11/12/2015	\$ 30,690.00	Open Tender
Bryan Russell	Explosives decision Regulation Impact Statement – Regulator interviews	19/10/2015	7/12/2015	\$ 39,344.00	Limited Tender
Australian Institute of Management Education and Training	Senior Executive Coaching	9/11/2015	30/06/2016	\$ 9,446.00	Limited Tender
Lucy Jane Salt	2014 National Return to Work Survey on medical treatment and GP's	26/11/2015	6/02/2016	\$ 8,000.00	Limited Tender
SRC Solutions	Case management, rehabilitation, workstation and home-based assessments	25/11/2015	19/11/2017	\$ 20,000.00	Limited Tender
Bryan Russell	Explosives decision Regulation Impact Statement – Regulator record of interview confirmation	18/01/2016	29/02/2016	\$ 2,640.00	Limited Tender

2. Safe Work Australia has not published any planned procurements in its annual procurement plan, largely due to the use of existing panel arrangements and given its consultancies are generally ad hoc in nature, of relatively low value and generally require specialist skills. The agency is currently implementing a strategic procurement framework and once operational planning is finalised will consider the need to publish an annual procurement plan for 2016-17.
3. Since 14 September 2015, all consultancies have been subject to tender.