

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0521_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & its agencies: Consultancies

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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

Department of Education

1. Information on consultancies is available on the AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.
2. All planned consultancy engagements are published in the Department's Annual Procurement Plan on AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.
3. There have not been any consultancies that did not go out to tender since Budget Estimates in June 2014.

Australian Research Council

1. 10. The details of these contracts are available on AusTender website at www.tenders.gov.au.
2. Planned procurements for the ARC are included in the 2014-15 Procurement Plan.
3. See the answer to point 2 above

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

1. No new consultancy has been undertaken during the period 1 June 2014 to 30 September 2014.
2. Only one consultancy has been planned for the remaining calendar year 2014.

Consultant Name	Nature of Consultancy	Duration	Cost (GST-inclusive)	Procurement Method
Bill Burmester	Developing structures, systems and processes for the efficient, effective and timely management of the regulatory workload	1 October - 31 December 2014	\$33,000	Limited tender

The above consultancy was not published in the agency's Annual Procurement Plan (APP) as it is below the \$80,000 procurement threshold.

3. Refer to (2) above.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority

ACARA does not fall under the APS Procurement requirements and does not track contractors/consultants in this way.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

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Name of Consultant	Subject matter	Duration	Cost (GST exc)	Method of Procurement
Ernst and Young	Advise on a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages Infrastructure	8 weeks	\$ 130,000	Open tender
Significance International	Undertake significance assessments of the AIATSIS Collection	3 months	\$ 65,400	Select tender
Significance International	Undertake a collections management report and business case for the AIATSIS Collection	1 month	\$ 40,400	Select tender
Total value:			\$ 105,930	

2. There are no further consultancies planned for this calendar year.

3. No.