

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Consultancies**

Question: **185**

Written **Senator Ludwig**

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1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 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. If so, which ones and why?

Answer

1. The 26 consultancies entered into between 1 October 2013 and 31 December 2013 are listed in the table below.

Name of Consultant	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Procurement Method	Value \$ ex-GST
Alliance Consulting Group Pty Ltd	Financial Analysis	8-Oct-13	16-Oct-13	Limited Tender	\$16,545
Ashurst Australia	Legal Services	22-Nov-13	31-Dec-14	Prequalified Tender	\$33,318
Aust Government Solicitor	Legal Services	19-Nov-13	30-Jun-14	Prequalified Tender	\$16,032
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Services	10-Dec-13	30-Jun-14	Prequalified Tender	\$13,000
Callida Consulting	Financial Analysis	8-Nov-13	31-Dec-13	Open Tender	\$55,980
Callida Consulting	Financial Analysis	20-Nov-13	31-Mar-14	Open Tender	\$67,500
Cox Architecture	Architectural services	19-Nov-13	22-Nov-13	Limited Tender	\$8,900
CPT Global Limited	ICT Services	30-Oct-13	5-Jan-14	Open Tender	\$112,000
Fujitsu Australia Limited	ICT Services	9-Oct-13	9-Nov-13	Open Tender	\$20,000
Guida Moseley Brown P/L	Architectural services	24-Sep-13	31-Dec-13	Limited Tender	\$14,000
Guida Moseley Brown P/L	Architectural services	15-Oct-13	31-Mar-14	Limited Tender	\$15,500
KPMG	Investigation Services	14-Oct-13	8-Nov-13	Open Tender	\$32,700

Name of Consultant	Subject Matter	Contract Start Date	Contract End Date	Procurement Method	Value \$ ex-GST
KPMG	Investigation services	4-Nov-13	4-Dec-13	Open Tender	\$3,000
Major General Steve Gower	Expert Advisory Services	2-Oct-13	30-Sep-15	Limited Tender	\$10,909
Niche Government Consulting and Assurance	Rehabilitation Audit	9-Oct-13	4-Feb-14	Limited Tender	\$9,000
Northrop Engineers Pty Ltd	Engineering Services	28-Nov-13	31-Dec-13	Open Tender	\$40,909
Pelle Architects	Architectural services	19-Dec-13	28-Feb-14	Limited Tender	\$10,000
Pelle Architects	Architectural services	19-Dec-13	28-Feb-14	Limited Tender	\$10,000
Pelle Architects	Architectural services	3-Oct-13	9-Oct-13	Limited Tender	\$540
Prosecure (ACT) Pty Ltd	ICT Services	25-Nov-13	10-Feb-14	Limited Tender	\$25,000
QinetiQ Pty Ltd	Risk Assessment and Security Services	14-Nov-13	28-Feb-14	Open Tender	\$69,355
Roslyn Russell Museum Services	Collection Assessment services	23-Dec-13	30-Jun-14	Limited Tender	\$9,900
Swell Design Group P/L	Graphic Design	8-Oct-13	30-Oct-13	Open Tender	\$13,960
Swell Design Group P/L	Graphic Design Services	6-Dec-13	30-Jun-14	Open Tender	\$10,000
Workplace Research Assoc P/L	Workforce Planning Services	1-Dec-13	30-Jun-14	Open Tender	\$90,909
Yellow Edge Pty Ltd	Workforce Planning	6-Nov-13	30-Nov-13	Open Tender	\$65,000

The total value for all DPS consultancies entered into from 1 October 2013 to 31 December 2013 is \$773,957 (ex-GST).

2. The following planned consultancies have been published in DPS' Annual Procurement Plan.

APP Reference	Subject matter	Duration	Cost	Method	Name of Consultant
DPS APP13/008	Provision of a Conservation Management Plan for Australian Parliament House	May 2014 – May 2015	Not yet known	Open tender	Not yet known

The Table below provides planned consultancies that do not appear in DPS' Annual Procurement Plan.

Reason for not appearing in APP	Subject Matter	Duration	Cost	Method of procurement	Name of consultant
Not an Open Tender	Preparation of a Design Principles Document for Australian Parliament House	May 2014 – September 2014	< \$80,000	Limited tender – Request for Offer (RFO)	Not yet appointed.
Not an Open Tender	Work Health and Safety, Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment of the Hansard Work Environment	2-3 months	< \$80,000	Limited tender – Request for Offer (RFO)	Not yet appointed.

DPS regularly updates its Annual Procurement Plan. Where a consultancy contract of \$10,000 (inc GST) or over is let by DPS, the contract details will be made available at the AusTender site (www.tenders.gov.au).

3. The procurement method for each consultancy is listed in the table in response to Question 1. Where the procurement method has been listed as 'Limited Tender', these were low value arrangements well below the covered procurement threshold (of \$80,000 for non-construction services), and an Open Tender process was not required.