

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013–14
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Question

- 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 Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has engaged KPMG to develop the PBO's Business Continuity Plan and Risk Management Framework. This consultancy is expected to cost less than \$40,000 and take less than three months to complete.

The PBO has engaged Independent Economics to examine macroeconomic scenarios which is expected to cost less than \$45,000 and take one month to complete.

These consultancies were engaged through existing panel arrangements and are not published on the PBO's Annual Procurement Plan as they were not conducted through an open approach to market.

- 2 As at the 28 February 2014, the PBO does not have any other consultancy expenditure planned.
- 3 Nil.