

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 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? If so, which ones and why?

**Answer:**

Q1. The ANAO has engaged 4 new consultancies from 1 February 2014 to 31 May 2014. The details of which are presented in the below table.

Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Procurement Method
Pearson, Desmond	Review of performance audit activities and processes	13 Feb 14	30 Jun 14	\$62,750	Limited tender
CRS Australia	Review of ANAO rehabilitation case management procedures and policies	3 Feb 14	30 Jun 14	\$30,000	Limited tender
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Review of online communication and stakeholder engagement	20 Mar 14	30 Jun 15	\$77,531	Open tender

Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Procurement Method
Pricewaterhouse Coopers	Services for business continuity activities	5 May 14	30 Jun 14	\$16,087	Limited tender
			<b>Total</b>	\$186,369	

Q2. The ANAO engages specialist consultants to assist with delivery of the audit program, provide specialist audit quality assurance reviews, and assist with corporate projects and services. Utilisation of consultants is determined on a case by case basis. Some consultancies will not appear in the Annual Procurement Plan as panel arrangements are in place.

Q3. In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, limited tender is permitted where the total value of the procurement is less than \$80,000. Where a limited tender approach is used, the ANAO ensures value for money is achieved through assessing the potential suppliers experience, capability and cost in delivering the consultancy services. The ANAO considers that value for money has been achieved in all limited tender procurements.