

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

**Question reference number:** 360

**Type of question:** Written

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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 (i.e. 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 Office has undertaken one (1) consultancy between Additional Estimates in February 2014 and 31 May 2014. The details are provided in the table below:

<b>Name of Consultant</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>Cost of Arrangement</b>	<b>Method of Procurement</b>
VITIL Services Pty Ltd	ICT Advisory Services	22 May 14	30 July 14	\$16,196	Limited Tender

(2) At this point in time the Office has no other consultancies planned for this calendar year.

(3) Not applicable.