

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of National Assessments

Outcome/Program: 1

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: 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?
 - a. If so, which ones and why?

ONA Response:

1. ONA has engaged the services of three consultants from Additional Estimates in February to 31 May 2014 with a total value of \$81,674.50
 - a. Callida Consulting undertook IT consultancy services procured by Limited Tender from 14 April 2014 to 30 June 2014. Valued at \$45,000.00
 - b. Lockheed Martin Australia Pty Ltd undertook IT consultancy services procured by Limited Tender from 16 April 2014 to 16 May 2014. Valued at \$18,498.00
 - c. Australian Government Solicitors (AGS) provided legal advice relating to employment policies, security vetting issues, legislative requirements and contract advice, all AGS services were procured by prequalified tender between Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014. Total value of \$18,176.50
2. There are no planned consultancies for this calendar year.
3. The three consultancies listed above did not go out for tender due to the value being below the relevant procurement threshold.