

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates – May 2014

ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ludwig

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Type of Question: Written

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a) 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.

b) 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.

c) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?

i. If so, which ones and why?

Answer:

a) In the period from Additional Estimates in February 2014 to 31 May 2014, the Office undertook eight consultancies as per the table below.

Consultant	Subject Matter	Duration in months	Cost including GST	Method of Procurement
Echelon Consultancy & Training P/L	Procurement	6	\$10,615	Pre-qualified
Integralift PTY LTD	Lift Engineers	7	\$11,000	Limited Tender
Rider Levett Bucknall PTY LTD	Quantity Surveying	6	\$15,510	Limited Tender
Tanner Kibble Denton were Tanner Architects	Architects	1	\$13,970	Limited Tender
Turner Townsend PTY LTD	Quantity Surveying	6	\$5,500	Limited Tender
Turner Townsend PTY LTD	Quantity Surveying	4	\$8,800	Limited Tender
Taylor Brammer landscape Architects	Landscape Architects	14	\$4,950	Pre-qualified
Kutner Collins Engineers	Mechanical Engineers	1	\$9,000	Limited Tender
Total			\$79,345	

- b) Consultancies have not been specifically planned, although a number of consultancies will be undertaken as and when required. They do not form part of the Annual Procurement Plan (APP), because they are not considered significant procurement activity.
- c) Nil. All were tendered, some by open process, as per the table above. Value for money under the CPRs was established for all.
- d) N/A.