

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Supplementary Budget Estimates

18 – 21 November 2013

Question: 37

Topic: Consultancies

Written: 26 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify:
 - a) the name of the consultant;
 - b) the subject matter of the consultancy;
 - c) the duration and cost of the arrangement; and
 - d) the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc.).
 - e) Also include total value for all consultancies.

2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
 - a) Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and, if not, why not?
 - b) In each case please identify:
 - i) the subject matter;
 - ii) duration;
 - iii) cost and method of procurement as above; and
 - iv) the name of the consultant, if known.

Answer:

The department has entered into two consultancy arrangements since 7 September 2013.

Name	Subject matter	Duration	Cost	Procurement method
Ashurst	Legal advice relating to the development of the Parliamentary Service Award.	6 months	\$54,545	Prequalified tender
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	Legal advice on salary sacrifice arrangements for staff.	2 months	\$9,713	Prequalified tender
Total			\$64,258	

No further consultancies were planned for the remainder of the 2013 calendar year.