Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
Additional Estimates Hearing 2012-13
13 February 2013

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Consultancies

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

OUESTION No.: AI-124

- 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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.

ANSWER

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (DIISRTE)

- 1. Details of relevant procurement contracts undertaken in the 2012-13 financial year to date are available at www.tenders.gov.au.
- 2. Planned procurements for the department and portfolio agencies are included in the 2012-13 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

- 1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
- 2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ARC)

- 1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
- 2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

TERTIARY EDUCATION QUALITY AND STANDARDS AGENCY (TEQSA)

1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MARINE SCIENCE (AIMS)

- 1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
- 2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

IP AUSTRALIA

- 1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
- 2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN SKILLS QUALITY AUTHORITY (ASQA)

- 1. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.
- 2. Refer DIISRTE's response provided above.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

1. Please refer to SI-149 for details on consultancies for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012. Details of consultancies undertaken for the period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013 is provided in the following table:

					Cost \$
Consultant	Subject matter	Start Date	End Date	Procurement Method	(GST exclusive)
Allbrook Jebb & Associates	Provision of research services	16-Jan-13	31-Jan-14	Select tender	51,200
Dr Christopher Haynes	Provision of draft paper review services	7-Jan-13	1-April-13	Select tender	5,000
Moreton Consulting	Provision of performance review services	14-Dec-12	13-June-13	Select tender	17,182
Moreton Consulting	Provision of services to develop a Strategic Action Plan to the Family History Unit	17-Jan-13	16-April-13	Select tender	20,700

2. Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, AIATSIS publishes all planned procurements over \$400,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP) available at www.tenders.gov.au. Prior to the engagement of consultants AIATSIS attempts to seek service internally however in those circumstances where it is unable to meet requirements from internal sources, AIATSIS will engage with the external marketplace.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION (CSIRO)

1. Details of consultancies let by the CSIRO from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013 are provided in the following table:

Consultant	Subject matter	Start date	End date	Procurement Method	Estimated Total Life Cost \$ (GST inclusive)
Energetics Pty Ltd	The Consultant will review existing CSIRO energy and greenhouse gas emission data, existing growth projection information to assist with the calculation of future carbon emission growth projections.	2-Jul-12	31-Aug-12	RQ	28,710
Wyld Group Pty Ltd	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the Energy Transformed Flagship's (ETF) Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	30-Jul-2012	30-Sep-12	RQ	30,250
SAP Australia Pty Ltd	The Consultant will provide independent advice required on sizing of hardware for CSIRO'S SAP environment.	1-Aug-12	30-Sep-12	RQ	26,631
Wohlers Associates Inc	The Consultant will review and refine impact prediction methodology for the Flagship, facilitate a workshop with members of the ETF's Leadership Team to review and refine the Flagship's impact statements.	1-Oct-12	31-Dec-12	RQ	7,900
lA Tech GmbH	The consultant will review the Projects against their technical achievements and technical direction in light of other similar international activities. A report will be provided on each of the projects outlining findings and recommendations.	2-Jan-13	31-Mar-13	RQ	31,785
Ernst & Young	The Consultant will provide Options Analysis and Strategy Development for CSIRO Services Project.	1-Oct-12	1-Jan-13	RQ	250,000

Consultant	Subject matter	Start date	End date	Procurement Method	Estimated Total Life Cost \$ (GST inclusive)
Prof David Williams	The Consultant will advise on strategic developments in biomaterials science / applications globally and make specific recommendations concerning biomaterials developments, especially, but not limited to, Asia, and to effect introductions to the key developers / inventors/ companies. He will promote CSIRO science and identify commercial opportunities for CSIRO science. The Consultant will provide CSIRO with a monthly report, with specific follow up actions, and visit Melbourne once a year to present seminars and workshops.	1 Apr 2012	31 March 2013	RQ	40,000
Vale Clean Tech	The consultant will assess the commercialisation potential of then EFT's solar thermal work, develop commercialisation plans for the technology, and execute the plan, in order to maximise the impact from this.	31 January 2013	30 June 2013	RQ	85,520
FutureEye Pty Ltd	The consultant will provide executive coaching, development, training, guidance and advice on a range of current and emerging issues; to the CEO on an ad hoc as required basis.	6 January 2013	5 July 2013	RQ	70,000
Consulting and Implementation Services	The consultant will undertake a strategic review of the existing business case for the P Health Flagship in light of changing trends in Government, health, food and nutrition sectors.	18 September 2012	18 December 2012	RQ	55,000

Procurement Method Code:

RQ Purchasing thresholds consistent with CSIRO's minimal standards.

2. Consistent with the requirements of all Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act agencies, CSIRO publishes all planned procurements over \$400,000 in its Annual Procurement Plan (APP). Prior to the engagement of consultants CSIRO will attempt to seek the relevant service internally however in those circumstances where we are unable to meet our requirements from internal sources CSIRO will then engage with the external marketplace. Based upon the above circumstances consultancies are generally not included in CSIRO's APP and as such we have no consultancies published in our APP for the current calendar year.