

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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?

Answer:

Q1. The ANAO has engaged 2 new consultancies in the period 1 December - 31 January 2014. The details of which are presented in the table below:

Name	Subject Matter	Start Date	End Date	Cost	Procurement Method
Australian Government Solicitor	Provision of legal services	31 Jan 14	14 Mar 14	\$23,270	Prequalified Tender
Mr Andrew Metcalfe	Provision of Better Practice Guide Review	20 Jan 14	30 Jun 14	\$67,050	Limited Tender
			Total	\$90,320	

Q2. The ANAO engages specialist consultants to assist with delivery of the audit program, provide specialist audit quality assurance reviews, and assist with corporate projects and services. Utilisation of consultants is determined on a case by case basis. Some consultancies will not appear in the Annual Procurement Plan as panel arrangements are in place.

Q3. In accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, limited tender is permitted where the total value of the procurement is less than \$80,000. Where a limited tender approach is used, the ANAO ensures value for money is achieved through assessing the potential suppliers experience, capability and cost in delivering the consultancy services. The ANAO also engaged Australian Government Solicitor through the Legal Services Multi-Use List established by an

open approach by the Attorney General's Department. The ANAO considers that value for money has been achieved in all listed procurements.