

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 2013-14, February 2014

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 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?

ONA Response:

1. One consultancy has been undertaken since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to 28 February 2014, as per the following details:
 - Name of consultant: Australian Government Solicitor
 - Subject matter: Legal services
 - Duration: 16 January 2014 – 13 February 2014
 - Cost: \$10,780.00
 - Method of Procurement: Prequalified Tender via the Legal Services Multi Use List (LSMUL)
2. There are no further consultancies planned for this calendar year.
3. The one consultancy referred to above was engaged via the Legal Services Multi-Use List, which is a mandatory requirement for FMA Act agencies.