

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 65

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

- a) **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.**
- 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.**

**Answer**

- a) The Parliamentary Budget Office used the following consultancies during the period 23 July 2012 to 31 May 2013. The total value of the consultancies as at 31 May 2013 is \$37,650.76.

<b>Name of Consultant</b>	<b>Subject matter of consultancy</b>	<b>Duration of the consultancy</b>	<b>Cost of the arrangement</b>	<b>Procurement Method</b>
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$2,440.00	Direct
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$7,203.80	Direct
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$13,125.18	Direct
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$319.41	Direct
Ashurst Australia	Legal advice	Less than one month	\$562.37	Direct
Saltbush Consulting Pty Limited	Provision of IT design	9 months	\$14,000.00	Direct

- b) There may be the requirement for further consultancies but none are currently planned.