

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Australian Public Service Commission

**Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

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:**

During this current financial year, thirty one (31) consultancies have been undertaken (commenced) to date. Eighteen of the consultancies relate to requests for external legal advice. The legal consultancies were initially sourced through a panel (open tender) and are now sourced from a multi-use list (pre-qualified tender).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject matter</b>	<b>Duration (days)</b>	<b>Contract Price \$</b>	<b>Method of procurement</b>
Ashurst	Advice on procurement	35	5,057	Prequalified tender
Ashurst	Procurement advice	32	18,431	Open tender
Ashurst	Provision of Legal Advice for Bargaining	59	35,500	Prequalified tender
Ashurst	Provision of Legal Advice for Bargaining strategy	22	5,500	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - adequacy of draft Remuneration Tribunal determination	65	7,601	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - Appointment of Secretaries-Transitional	1	1,000	Open Tender

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Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - APSC performance management	8	2,750	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - Better Practice Guide	17	2,030	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - Discretion Scope-Promotion Decision	5	6,235	Open Tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - General employment matters	2	3,002	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - Non-Ongoing Employ Eligibility Restrictions	6	7,499	Open Tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice - Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973 - Special Appropriations	67	8,000	Prequalified tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice on Commissioner's Directions	117	13,200	Open tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice on New PS Commissioner's Directions	98	10,791	Open tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice to Merit Protection Commissioner	21	2,602	Open Tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Advice to Merit Protection Commissioner	14	2,000	Open Tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Appropriation Management For MP Allowances	29	19,379	Open tender
Australian Government Solicitor	Legal Advice to Remuneration Tribunal	364	21,989	Open tender
Bendelta Pty Ltd	Re-design of the SES Band 1 Leadership Program	108	94,400	Open tender
Booz & Company	Senior Reviewer - Capability Review	41	228,718	Limited tender
Directions for Change	SES Leadership program development	53	162,755	Open Tender
Ernst & Young	Provision of internal audit and related services for 2013-2016	1,083	330,000	Open tender
Evans and Associates Consulting	Senior Reviewer - Customs Capability Review	174	55,000	Limited tender
Fairview Services Pty Ltd	Senior Reviewer	171	79,200	Limited tender

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Mary Barlow	270 degree performance system	69	110,000	Limited tender
Rachel Hunter Consulting P/L	Senior Reviewer - ATO Capability Review	117	61,600	Limited tender
Resolution Consulting Services P/L	Review of Commission Financial Management framework	130	99,000	Limited tender
Resolution Consulting Services Pty Ltd	Review of Financial Management Frameworks	101	38,940	Limited tender
The Loch Group Pty Limited	Review of ICT services	18	82,500	Limited tender
Workplace Research Associates Pty Ltd	Conduct independent assessment of non SES draft work level standards	113	19,855	Open tender
Workplace Research Associates Pty Ltd	Facilitation of APS-wide consultations	121	33,820	Open tender
<b>Total value</b>			<b>1,568,354</b>	

The APSC's 2012/2013 Annual Procurement Plan (APP) contained two planned procurements for the 2013 calendar year which contains components that may be a consultancy:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Status</b>
Development and delivery of SES leadership development interventions	Withdrawn
Capability development panel	Requests for information were issued in December 2012. It is planned to approach the market during the July to September 2013 quarter.

Consultants may be sourced through open, prequalified or limited tender procurement methods in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. A planned consultancy is not included on the Annual Procurement Plan (APP) if it is expected to be sourced from an existing panel or multi use list, or where prequalified or limited tender procurement methods are permitted.