

Answers to Written Questions—23 March 2015

1. What is the likely timeframe for decision making following the 30th March tender submission date?

Answer:

- It is anticipated that decisions will be made in such a time and manner as will allow the review to be completed before the end of the present calendar year.

2. What peer reviews have taken place in the last 7 years and are they available to the successful respondent?

Answer:

- Australasian Council of Auditors General reviews were done in 2010, 2011 and 2014. Yes, they are available.

3. Will the successful respondent have access to the external auditors of the Auditor General?

Answer:

- Yes.

4. Have the external auditors of the Auditor General carried out any relevant performance reviews other than their annual financial audit?

Answer:

- No.

5. If there is an internal audit function, will the successful respondent have access to the internal auditors of the Auditor General? Have they carried out any similar performance reviews?

Answer:

- 20/20 Global conducts the annual IA reviews. These reviews cover the full range of OAG operations but only with limited assurance. Over the years other consultants have provided various advice concerning audit practices. All records will be available

6. How many "stakeholders" outside of the Office of the Auditor General will the successful respondent be expected to "interview" - e.g. Parliament, Treasurer, PAC, EFOC, heads of State entities, key audit clients?

Answer:

- The proposed Audit methodology is one of the selection criteria, to be met by Reviewer-candidates, and as such, it would be inappropriate for the Committee to comment.

7. Are there any locations outside of Perth that the successful respondent will need to visit?

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8. What are the busy periods that the successful respondent will need to avoid?

Answer:

- Unfortunately, the peak review activity period is likely to coincide with the peak workload of the OAG. The busiest financial audit period is between late July and late September but the performance audit program adds considerably to the workload and this is year round.

9. When submitting the draft and final reports, is a formal presentation also required at that time, or at a later time?

Answer:

- Details of the liaison and formal reporting arrangements between the successful respondent and the Committee will be settled following the appointment being made. It would be inappropriate to comment further at this point. Please refer to the Tender Request documents for available information relating to reporting requirements.