

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Health:

Health – Organisational Reviews

Background:

Your response to a previous Written Question shows that organisational review consultancies were awarded to Raelene Helen Burke of Darwin as follows:

- \$2,550 Innovation and Research Team Organisational Review
- \$1,762 Review of People Organisation and Culture Structure

Questions:

1. Please advise why these tenders were not released publically.

Tier 1 requests (<\$15,000) require a minimum of one quote.

2. Why were the awarded tenders were not published on the Tenders online web page?

Tier 1 awards are not required to be published.

3. If the awarded tender was published publically somewhere else, please provide the details.

As above.

4. Was a cost benefit analysis carried out on these consultancies?

No.

5. Did OCPE have any involvement in the facilitation of these organisational reviews? If not, why not?

No. OCPE does not normally facilitate agency specific reviews of an operational nature.

6. What were the outcomes and recommendations from the reviews?

The outcome of the Innovation and Research Team Organisational Review was an options paper for the restructure for the unit to meet its functional responsibilities.

The outcome of the Review of People and Organisational and Capability Structure was the realignment of a small number of functions within the team.

7. Is the consultant a former employee of the Department of Health?

Yes.

8. What safeguards are put in place to avoid conflicts of interest when awarding select tenders to former Department employees?

Declarations of conflicts of interest, whether perceived, potential or actual are a standard part of the procurement process. Should such a declaration be made, mitigations to manage the conflict are documented and approved before proceeding.