



Australian Government  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

# Value for Money Assessment

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## BACKGROUND

Describe what is being procured and why? Detail any alternatives that were considered (e.g. utilising existing Departmental resources).

The DPM&C's PFAS taskforce is seeking legal advice relating to s42

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The alternative is providing policy recommendations s 34(3), s42, without legal advice.

## ESTIMATED VALUE

The estimated value must include whole-of-life costs. Figures must be GST inclusive.

Forward year commitments over \$80,000 will workflow through to [Help-ManagementAccounting@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Help-ManagementAccounting@pmc.gov.au) to assess the forward year budget implications and assign a forward year commitment certificate number. For further information, please contact the Management Reporting and Governance Team ([Help-ManagementAccounting@pmc.gov.au](mailto:Help-ManagementAccounting@pmc.gov.au)).

**The estimated value of this procurement is approximately \$50000 (GST inclusive).**

Financial Year	Current	Next FY 1*	Next FY 2*	Other
Proposed Expenditure	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

\* FYC values for each financial year are to be entered into separate line items in the 'Contract Schedule' section when entering the contract into Procure to Pay.

**Account code** – Departmental /813/12331/000

## PROCUREMENT METHOD

Select the procurement method by clicking in the relevant check boxes.

### ☐ Open Tender

- ☐ Request for tender via AusTender
- ☐ Standing offer (panel) - Enter Standing Offer Notice (SON) number - [list of current panel arrangements](#)

### ☒ Prequalified Tender

- ☒ Multi-use list
- ☐ Shortlist following an initial open approach to market (e.g. expression of interest)

### ☐ Limited Tender

- ☐ Involves approaching one or more potential suppliers to make submissions, when the process does not meet the rules for Open Tender or Prequalified Tender.
- ☐ If the procurement is valued at or above \$80,000 (Including GST) and was conducted via Limited Tender, you must review the CPRs and outline in the text box below the;
  - o Condition under Division 2 (paragraph 10.3); or
  - o Exemption from Division 2 under Appendix A.

[Click to enter Limited Tender information](#)

## HOW WAS VALUE FOR MONEY ACHIEVED?

Outline how this procurement will represent an efficient, effective, economical and ethical use of public resources in accordance with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules. State the number of suppliers approached and how they were approached (e.g. seeking quotes by email, requesting tenders via AusTender, panel arrangement). The number of suppliers should be commensurate with the scale, scope and risk level, and sufficient to achieve a value for money outcome.

Answer the following questions in the text box below:

1. How did you approach the market?
2. How many suppliers/who did you approach for quotes and why?
3. Who is the Preferred Supplier and why were they selected?
4. How did you ensure value for money would be achieved?

1. Through the Legal Services Multi-Use List (LSMUL).
2. One supplier was approached, the Australian Government Solicitor AGS), as they are a tied service for advice on s42 for government legal advice.
3. The Australian Government Solicitor is the preferred supplier as they are tied service for the advice sought.
4. By selecting from a pre-approved supplier on the LSMUL and approaching the AGS for specific advice.

## RISK RATING

A Risk Assessment must be completed for all procurements in a template commensurate with the scale and scope of the procurement.

As per the attached Risk Assessment the overall risk is rated as **Low**

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

	Yes / No / Not Applicable	Please provide a justification for your answer below.
Has the <a href="#">Indigenous Procurement Policy</a> been applied to this procurement?	Not Applicable - The procurement is not in a remote area or between \$80,000-\$200,000	If 'Yes' please explain the outcome, if 'No' please provide justification.
Does the procurement involve a <a href="#">Contingent Liability</a> ?	No	If 'Yes', provide details
Has the procurement been assessed as a <a href="#">Consultancy</a> ?	SC - Skills are unavailable within the department	If 'Yes', provide details Legal advice on constitutional matters
Does the Contract contain <a href="#">Confidentiality Provisions</a> ?	Yes	If 'Yes', provide details of reasons for agreeing to keep the information confidential Legal professional privilege, public interest privilege

## NEXT STEPS

- Create a Detailed Contract in Procure to Pay to obtain Approval for Commitment of Relevant Money from an appropriate delegate.
- Execute a contract with preferred supplier – the Commonwealth Contracting Suite is mandated for all contracts less than \$200,000 (GST inclusive) (except purchases via credit card or panel arrangements).
- Your contract will be published on AusTender by the Procurement Helpdesk (if over \$10,000 GST inclusive).



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A Deed of Variation is required to the Official Order between Australian Government Solicitor (AGS) and the PMC PFAS Taskforce (agency file reference RD/001541, executed 24 February 2017). The variation will not increase the scope – it will only provide an additional \$25,000 for legal services in regard to issues arising in relation to the s34(3) through to the end of June 2017 (increasing the existing order to a total of \$75,000).

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The estimated value of this procurement is approximately \$75,000 (GST not applicable).

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