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Thanks Chris,

I will make some inquiries and get back to you regarding the additional quotes. I think it does really need some credible independence as we are to do it correctly. Thanks for the feedback on the apology, I was nervous given my comments on behalf of the commissioner. Didn't appease them all but good to have it delivered.

Regards



▼ Christopher Devery---07/03/2016 11:40:07---Hi Tony Sorry you had to follow up on this one, but I have been overwhelmed lately.

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Hi Tony

Sorry you had to follow up on this one, but I have been overwhelmed lately.

Basically, the procurement guidelines state that for the amount specified, at least three quotes need to be sought.

I am happy with your assessment that you are comfortable to work with the academics you mention, but would like to see an academic with a background in Criminal Law on the team.

It might be worthwhile having a chat to procurement to confirm the available options.

If you need another quote, then I would suggest Professor Murray Lee at the Sydney University Institute of Criminology, who has done relevant work with us in the past and is in good standing.

I would have to think about another potential source of a quote. I note that Nick Cowdrey is now a visiting professorial fellow at UNSW, however, and he might well be a person that could give a review the credibility it needs.

I will declare that I have no association with any of these people.

The critical thing, once we have met the procurement requirements, will be to formulate a suitable research agreement with the successful contractors. This should specify ownership and rights to IP, a process for us to comment on draft reports and publications, etc.

Happy to speak more and to assist with the development of the project, as I think it is obviously an important one.

PS. I have seen plenty of positive social media comment re your statement and apology prior to the Mardi Gras. Good work!

Regards

Chris

1.1 General Expenditure Thresholds

There are some basic guidelines that must apply when undertaking a market engagement. An estimated value for the required goods or services should be ascertained. Dependent on the value, you may be required to seek one written quote, three written quotes or potentially undertake a tender process. When requesting written quotes or undertaking a tender process, specifications of the goods or services required should be provided to the supplier. The same specifications should be provided to all suppliers being requested to provide a written quote.

1.2 Where No Contract exists

The following thresholds apply when procuring goods and services outside State Contracts and NSWPF specific Contracts (NSWPF Contracts):

- For guidance purposes, any expenditure under \$30,000 (GST inclusive) NSWPF are required to obtain at least one written quote.
- For expenditure from \$30,000 to \$150,000 (GST inclusive), NSWPF are required to obtain at least three written quotes.
- For expenditure over \$150,000 (GST inclusive), advice should be sought from SP&FS and a formal tender should be undertaken.

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▼ Anthony Crandell---07/03/2016 11:02:46---Hi Chris, Is there any word on procurement? I certainly think the researchers indicated are the right

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Hi Chris,

Is there any word on procurement? I certainly think the researchers indicated are the right people to do the work given our history with them. I am able to speak directly with procurement if you would prefer.

Regards



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▼ Christopher Devery---12/02/2016 21:46:24---<Parabell Project Brief (DRAFT for J Braw).pdf> <Gay hate homicides
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Hello Tony

You are correct this is a sensitive matter. For the amount specified we will need a number of quotes, and selection of the right researchers is of paramount importance. I'll check the procurement guidelines and send some more advice on Monday.

Regards
Chris

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Feb 2016, at 18:40, Anthony Crandell <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi Chris,

I hope you are well.

I forward you this information in my capacity as corporate sponsor for sexuality and gender diversity.

Below is some information regarding an investigative review by detectives from the Central Metropolitan Region into 88 alleged gay-hate homicides between the years 2000 and 1979. Publicity surrounding these cases was quite intense on the back of a now pending Coronial hearing into the death of Scott Johnson, who was a gay man that died as a result of falling from a cliff top at a known gay beat. Scott's family alleged police corruption by not investigating the matter competently and assert that Scott did not take his life as recommended by police to the Coroner.

The publicity impacts negatively upon the NSWPF within the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community.

To counter these allegations and with the support of AC Fuller as Commander, Central Metropolitan Region, I activated Strike Force Parrabell to investigate claims that 87 other deaths between 2000 and 1979 were gay-hate crimes, and that police did not investigate these matters competently. I have included information below regarding the progress of Strike Force Parrabell since 1 September 2015.

My intention is to ultimately publish our findings with appropriate redactions after inviting academic review of the material collected and the findings made to introduce a degree of independence to the position of the NSWPF. In essence, although there is some way to go investigatively, there is clear contrary evidence to earlier published research by Sue Thompson and Stephen Thompsen (AIC) that assert prevalence of gay-hate crimes and inactivity of the NSWPF. I have also attached a copy of the AIC research article for your information.

Essentially we have approached academics known to us because of their presentations on LGBTI issues at our recent GLLO Conference about our investigations guided by Task Force Parrabell. Doctors Nicole Asquith (University of Western Sydney) and Angela Dwyer (University of Tasmania) have expressed professional interest in reviewing our findings and researching both our claims and that of prior academics into gay-hate crimes. Attached is a quotation regarding costs (approximately \$50,000) for work proposed. Obviously I am eager to engage these people because it will add immeasurable legitimacy to the significant body of work performed by Strike Force Parrabell police officers.

Can you please provide me advice on the best way to progress an application for funding to engage these researchers. I anticipate a yellow, however I wanted to let you know in advance of my intentions and obtain your views on the likelihood of success and/or other content/details required before proceeding further.

Thank you

SF PARRABELL

Strike Force Parrabell was established in order to conduct a review of current NSWPF holdings of previously reported deaths of persons between 1976 to 2000, as identified by Ms Sue Thompson and the Bias Crime Unit, to determine if there is any evidence of sexuality or other bias involvement which may have contributed to the death. This review related to police investigations conducted between 1976 and 2000. The purpose of the review is to determine if any sexuality or other bias was involved in any of the deaths. In all approximately 88 cases previously identified by Ms Thompson have been identified for review by SF Parrabell.

Surry Hills LAC Commander Superintendent Crandell is the Corporate Spokesperson for GLBTIQ issues and initiated this Strike Force out of growing media and political issues being raised concerning these matters. The cases to be examined are not limited by LAC boundaries and originate from all over NSW.

Strike Force Parrabell was initiated on 1 September 2015 and at the time was estimated to continue for 6 months (1 March 2016). A review period was set for 3 monthly intervals.

1st Review: 1 December 2015

The first review was successful and culminated in a presentation being offered to a wide group of community and political stakeholders.

2nd Review: 2 February 2016

The SF reported that it had completed 15 reviews of cases as of this date with results being as follows:

- 1 x case identified as involving a Gender or other Bias in the Crime.
- 9 x cases identified as Likely to involve a Gender or other Bias in the Crime.
- 3 x cases identified as Unlikely to involve a Gender or other Bias in the Crime.
- 2 x cases identified as Not involving a Gender or other Bias in the Crime.

At the commencement of this Strike Force it was anticipated that investigators would commence their review of the most recent cases identified (2000) and work backwards in time (1976). This decision was made as it was expected that the NSWPF Holdings on each case would be more extensive with the recent cases and dwindle as the Strike Force progressed back in time given the age of the matter, record keeping techniques of the time, and archiving of the older matters. It was therefore expected that as the Strike Force progressed the timeline to conduct a review of each case would hasten as records on each matter became less extensive or unable to be located.

As at the 2nd Review it has been identified that the review of each case so far (to 1996) that holdings of the NSWPF are extensive. DSC Bignell reports that on average they are required to review upwards of 15 standard archive boxes full of documents on each matter. Some more recent case have required up to 90 boxes of material to be reviewed on a single matter. This is proving more time consuming than first anticipated. These timelines do not include the efforts that investigators have to go through to find the location of the material, retrieve it from the locations where it is stored, review the material and compile a list of documents that support their conclusions. DSC Bignell is then required to oversee these reviews and finalise the conclusions. A process which he states is taking him 4 days alone to complete.

Presently the Strike Force is behind originally intended timelines. It was originally anticipated that the Strike Force may have concluded all reviews by March 2016. Clearly this is not the case. At present rates it is predicted that at current resourcing levels the Strike Force would need a further 3 to 6 months to complete its reviews. I still anticipate that as the Strike Force moves back further in time the holdings on each matter may reduce. However I am unable to predict where this point may be reached.

With discussion with D/Sgt Grace (Surry Hills) the Surry Hills Detectives Office has assisted when possible by supplementing and assisting SF Parrabell staff with additional staffing for short 2 week periods. This has benefitted the Strike Force to some degree.

At present inquiries continue with an expected yet tentative completion timeframe of June 2016.

Regards

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