

			ATU Response
RFT Procurement Consultancy Services	Section 2.1.	The last line of the 1 st paragraph states that 'contracts may or may not be awarded'. Could you advise what scope of contract will be initially awarded via the framework agreement (i.e. 1 year, all years etc.)	Contracts will be awarded on a draw-down basis as required, or project specific. The intention of this framework agreement is to supplement the in-house procurement team by providing external procurement consultancy support and training as and when required on a call-off basis. There is no guaranteed level of work or spending under this agreement.
RFT Procurement Consultancy Services	Contract Management	Section 2.2 (Reporting and Contract Management Arrangements) states that 'Meet as and when required to review and examine performance'. Could you advise if these meetings will be on-line meetings, or face to face at ATU's premises?	Review meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams.
RFT Procurement Consultancy Services	Section 2.15	For the listed resource, 'Legal advisor with Procurement Specialism', can you advise if this resource must be a practicing solicitor?	Yes
Appendix 2 Draft Single Party Framework Agreement Terms and Conditions	Section 6.1	The proposed framework agreement has not stated the duration that prices must be fixed for. Could this be clarified?	Prices tendered will be the maximum prices allowed during the first three (3) years of the framework agreement. Please refer to Form of Tender and pricing schedule in the TRD which states the rates are fixed for the initial three years of the agreement.
Appendix 3 Draft Services Contract	Remedies 5(E)	The contract states that liabilities 'shall not under any circumstances exceed the amount specified in the RFT by the Contracting Authority'. Could you advise where this amount is stated within the document (for clarity).	The amount specified is the Limit of liability specified at Section 2.14 of the RFT document.
General		Could you advise if ATU currently have any incumbent service provider contracted at present.	Yes
General		If there is an incumbent service provider, could ATU clarify if they would have had any involvement in the preparation of the tender documentation. If the answer is yes, could ATU advise what (if any) 'appropriate measures to ensure that competition is not distorted' has been undertaken to fulfil the requirements of Regulation 41 (S.I. No. 284/2016).	The incumbent service provider did not participate in or contribute to the preparation of the tender document, and as such Regulation 41 of the EU Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 284/2016) did not arise.