

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 6

**Question No:** 147

**Topic:** Consultancies

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Cash** asked:

The Answer to QON 11 from the February 2011 Additional Estimates states that FaHCSIA spent \$8.5 million GST exclusive on consultancies.

Please inform how much of this was spent on projects for the Office of Women and/or EOWA. Why this work was not able to be undertaken by Department staff?

**Answer:**

Office for Women spent \$202,370 of the \$8.5 million on consultancies from 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010. The \$8.5 million did not include projects from EOWA.

The work required independent research or assessment, or required specialised or professional skills.