

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-10**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio

DEEWR Question No.EW0923_10

Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

CONSULTANCIES

How much has the Department spent on consultancy services since November 2007?
How can the department justify this expenditure?

Answer

1. The Department has spent \$36.1M on Consultancies from November 2007 to January 2010. This represents 1.7% of Departmental expenses over the same period.
2. DEEWR engages consultants only where professional expertise, skills or relevant resources are not available within the department or when an independent research or assessment is required.