

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**  
**Department of Climate Change**  
**Additional Budget Estimates Hearing–February 2009**

**Written question reference:** CC13 (a)-(b)

**Outcome/Output:** Response to climate change

**Topic:** Spending on consultants in 2008-09

**Hansard Page:** Not relevant for written QoN

**Question:** (Senator Coonan)

- (a) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total
  - b. ITC Consultants
  - c. Legal Consultants
  - d. HR Consultants
  - e. Accounting Consultants
- (b) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?

**Answer:**

- (a) The Department estimates that it will spend the following in 2008-09:

a. Consultants in total	\$ 7,378,891
b. ITC Consultants	\$ 193,750
c. Legal Consultants	\$ 989,906
d. HR Consultants	\$ 29,155
e. Accounting Consultants	\$ 0

- (b) To collect this information would require a significant diversion of resources to review all purchase orders, contracts and invoices. The Department does not have sufficient surplus resources to undertake this exercise.