

**Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Senator Coonan asked:**

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total
  - b. ITC Consultants
  - c. Legal Consultants
  - d. HR Consultants
  - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?

**Answer:**

a)

	<b>Finance</b>	<b>AEC</b>	<b>Future Fund</b>	<b>Comsuper</b>	<b>ARIA</b>
a) Consultants in total	\$12,239,604	\$185,197	\$322,040	\$1,520,139	\$671,639
b) ITC Consultants	\$595,591	\$22,532	Nil	\$ 829,252	\$169,000
c) Legal Consultants	\$3,060,270	Nil	\$43,126	\$ 219,970	\$258,989
d) HR Consultants	\$513,663	\$114,182	Nil	\$247,035	\$18,588
e) Accounting Consultants	\$484,013	\$24,000	\$41,230	\$223,881	\$225,062

- b) It is not possible to provide an average cost per hour. Consultancy contract costs can be based on a range of approaches including fixed cost and time and materials.