

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Coonan asked:

- 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)

	Finance	AEC	Future Fund	Comsuper	ARIA
a) Consultants in total	\$27,812,646	\$185,000	\$808,580	\$1,185,864	\$331,325
b) ITC Consultants	\$378,500	\$22,000	\$250,000	\$ 776,975	Nil
c) Legal Consultants	\$3,794,311	Nil	\$140,000	\$ 13,002	\$286,516
d) HR Consultants	\$95,000	\$114,000	\$30,000	\$ 257,283	\$15,969
e) Accounting Consultants	\$856,000	\$24,000	\$77,700	\$ 138,604	\$28,840

- 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.