

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 24 FEBRUARY 2009

Human Services Portfolio

Department/Agency: Human Services Portfolio
Outcome/Output Group: All
Topic: Consultants

Senator: Coonan

Question reference number: HS14

Type of question: Written

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Question:

HS14a: How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:

- A. Consultants in total
- B. ICT Consultants
- C. Legal Consultants
- D. HR Consultants
- E. Accounting Consultants

HS14b: What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?

Answer:

Department of Human Services (including Child Support Agency)

HS14a:

A. Consultants in total \$6,288,621

B-E. The expenditure on consultancies is not readily available in the format requested. To provide this information would require the diversion of a large amount of resources which cannot be justified.

HS14b:

The detail requested in the question is not readily available and to provide this information would require the diversion of a large amount of resources which cannot be justified.

CRS Australia

HS14a:

A.	Consultants in total:	\$859,787
B.	ICT Consultants:	\$175,675
C.	Legal Consultants:	\$0*
D.	HR Consultants:	\$506,425
E.	Accounting Consultants:	\$37,537

HS14b:

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* The majority of legal services are generally regarded as non-consultancy contracts (as defined in the Department of Finance and Deregulation Guidance on Procurement Publishing Obligations – FMG15).

Centrelink

HS14a:

A.	Consultants in total:	\$1,049,150
B.	ICT Consultants:	\$142,347
C.	Legal Consultants:	\$17,197*
D.	HR Consultants:	\$334,653
E.	Accounting Consultants:	\$79,200

HS14b:

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HSA Group

HS14a:

A.	Consultants in total:	\$292,669
B.	ICT Consultants:	\$132,633
C.	Legal Consultants:	\$0*
D.	HR Consultants:	\$0
E.	Accounting Consultants:	\$160,036

HS14b:

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Medicare Australia**HS14a:**

A.	Consultants in total:	\$865,644
B.	ICT Consultants:	\$93,693
C.	Legal Consultants:	\$320,087*
D.	HR Consultants:	\$114,048
E.	Accounting Consultants:	\$337,816

HS14b:

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Australian Hearing**HS14a:**

A.	Consultants in total:	\$884,773
B.	ICT Consultants:	\$151,037
C.	Legal Consultants:	\$0*
D.	HR Consultants:	\$336,464
E.	Accounting Consultants:	\$16,500

HS14b:

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