

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
ESTIMATES HEARING, 23 FEBRUARY
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ANSWERS BY DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE**

P23 (a-b) (SENATOR COONAN)

(c) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:

a	Total Consultants*	194,022
b	ITC consultants	22,110
c	Legal consultants*	8,151
d	HR consultants	8,313
e	Accounting Consultants	119,499

(d) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?

Due to the varying payment arrangements (ie hourly rate versus per-job basis) included in each consultancy contract, it is not possible to provide a valid average hourly rate.

P24 (a-b) (SENATOR COONAN)

(c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 08-09 on:

a	Total Consultants*	130,000
b	ITC consultants	0
c	Legal consultants*	0
d	HR consultants	0
e	Accounting Consultants	95,000

(d) What is the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?

Due to the varying payment arrangements (ie hourly rate versus per-job basis) included in each consultancy contract, it is not possible to provide a valid average hourly rate.

P25 (SENATOR COONAN)

Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:

		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
f	Consultants in total*	175,000	150,000	155,000
g	ITC consultants	5,000	5,000	5,000
h	Legal consultants*	0	0	0
i	HR consultants	20,000	0	0
j	Accounting Consultants	120,000	101,000	102,000

*These figures do not include the honoraria paid to the advisers to the legislative scrutiny committees.

P26 (SENATOR HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this department as at:

- 24 November 2007
- 26 February 2009

As at 24 November 2007, there were 5 Senior Executive Service (SES) positions in the Department of the Senate (the department).

As at 26 February 2009, there were 5 SES positions in the department (although the engagement of the new Usher of the Black Rod in January 2009, to replace the former incumbent who is on long term leave pending retirement, temporarily brought the number of SES staff in the department to 6).