

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2008-09 (February 2009)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: ANAO
Outcome/Output Group: 2
Topic: Expenditure on Consultants

Senator: Coonan
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Question:

- 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?
- c) 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.
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above a-e?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

Answer:

a) and c)

ANAO Expenditure on Consultants, 2007/08

Question	Consultants	07/08	08/09
a	Total	1,660,000	1,787,000
b	ITC	399,500	379,000
c	Legal	147,000	235,000
d	HR	26,000	0
e	Accounting	494,000	443,000

b) and d)

Average Cost per Hour

	07/08	08/09
ITC	198	202
Legal	386	392
HR	145	148
Accounting	170	173

e) Subject to 2009/10 Budget outcomes, ANAO could be expected to spend similar amounts on consultants in forward estimates, with the exception of ITC consultancies which will be impacted by the implementation of the Gershon report. Detailed estimates on consultancy estimates are yet to be worked through.

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