

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Answer:

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total – \$571k
 - b. ITC Consultants – \$78k
 - c. Legal Consultants – \$107k
 - d. HR Consultants – \$0
 - e. Accounting Consultants – \$0

The balance of \$386k does not fit within the above categories.

- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- a. Consultants in total – \$219 per hour
 - b. ITC Consultants – \$256 per hour
 - c. Legal Consultants – rates vary from \$220 to \$415 per hour
 - d. HR Consultants – N/A
 - e. Accounting Consultants – N/A
- 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

This information is not available as the Commission does not budget at this level.

- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
N/A

- 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

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