

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Consultancies

Senator: Coonan

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Answer:

The answers to the Honourable Senator's questions are as follows:

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

a.	Consultants in total	\$204,282
b.	ITC Consultants	\$ 37,910
c.	Legal Consultants	\$ 32,353
d.	HR Consultants	\$ 37,160
e.	Accounting Consultants	\$ 15,522

* Note: Most consultancy arrangements made by the Office are related to property management.

b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
\$221

c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:

a.	Consultants in total	\$191,436
b.	ITC Consultants	\$ 22,000
c.	Legal Consultants	\$ 31,214
d.	HR Consultants	\$ 4,762
e.	Accounting Consultants	\$ Nil

d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E? \$198

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

2009-10

a.	Consultants in total	\$215,000
b.	ITC Consultants	\$ 20,000
c.	Legal Consultants	\$ 31,000
d.	HR Consultants	\$ 5,000
e.	Accounting Consultants	\$ 10,000

2010-11

a.	Consultants in total	\$210,000
b.	ITC Consultants	\$ 20,000
c.	Legal Consultants	\$ 31,000
d.	HR Consultants	\$ 15,000
e.	Accounting Consultants	\$ 10,000