

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Old Parliament House

Outcome/Output Group: Outcome 1

Topic:

- 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

Senator: Coonan

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Answer:

- a) Old Parliament House did not become a separate Executive Agency until 1 July 2008. Its expenditure on consultancies in 2007-08 would therefore form part of the consolidated expenditures of the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA), of which it was part from 1 July 2007 to 2 December 2007 and the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, of which it was part from 3 December 2007 to 30 June 2008.
- b) Not applicable.

- c) (a) \$ 460,000
- (b) Nil
- (c) \$40,000
- (d) \$60,000
- (e) \$118,000

This expenditure included one-off consultancy costs associated with the establishment of Old Parliament House as an Executive Agency.

- d) Consultancy costs are generally output-based, and are not estimated or based on a cost per hour basis.
- e) (a) 2009-10 Financial Year- \$100,000 (estimated)
- (b) to (e) – No estimates have yet been finalised.