

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Climate Change
Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2009

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Topic: Spending on consultants

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Question: (Senator Abetz)

Senator ABETZ—Can I also be told how many consultants overall the department has engaged in relation to its activities—be it with the school competition, for example, with its advertising campaign, with its call centre or any other activities? Could you let us know about the consultants, the costs of each and the basis on which they were engaged? If you can take that on notice, that would be very helpful.

Dr Parkinson—They are in the annual report.

Senator ABETZ—In the annual report we were told, if I am correct, that in 2007-08 there was \$2.4 million spent on consultants but in 2008-09 it was estimated to be \$7.39 million. That seems a substantial increase and hence my interest as to what the basis is for that increase.

Dr Parkinson—We would be happy to provide that.

Answer:

Please refer to CC51a-c.