

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

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**Question: PM52 & 53**

**Outcome 1, Output 4.3**

**Topic: Consultancy – Mr Cousins**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: What is the current value of Mr Cousins's consultancy? Would you mind asking them what he [Mr Cousins] actually does?**

**Answer:** The current value of Mr Cousins's consultancy is \$10,000 per annum. As previously indicated, Mr Cousins advises and assists the Prime Minister in relation to the formulation of communication strategies to promote the government's policies.