

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27-28 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(96) Program: Internal Product

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

How much has the department spent on IT consultancies in the past twelve months. Can the department provide a complete list of all consultancies and the amount they were paid in the past twelve months? What service or product were those consultancies paid to provide? Was IBM one of those consultants and how much were they paid and for what services? How many people were involved in the provision of those services?

Answer:

Total spend on IT Consultancies for the period 1 June 2008 to 1 June 2009 was \$4,094,277.

A list of IT Consultancies, a description of each contract and the amount paid between 1 June 2008 and 1 June 2009 is at [Attachment A](#). This information is also available on AusTender.

IBM is not engaged on a consultancy basis. The engagement is through a series of specific work orders that are issued under a deed for the provision of products and services for the Systems for People project. These work orders are issued from time to time according to priorities and the project schedule. The number of IBM employees engaged at any particular time is dependent on the nature and scope of the work orders in place at that time.