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Question:

In relation to the use of external information technology contractors in the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following be provided:

- a) The total amount spent on external contractors for each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.
- b) The total number of external contractors employed in 2018-19.
- c) The aggregate total remuneration payable for all external contractors employed in 2018-19.
- d) The total number of FTE hours provided by external contractors in 2018-19.

Answer:

- a) For each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the total amount spent (GST exclusive) on external information technology contractors is as follows:

FY 13-14	FY 14-15	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19
\$137,771,297	\$229,544,108	\$353,266,744	\$257,840,863	\$335,454,259	\$513,942,265

- b) The total number of external information technology contractors employed in the 2018-19 Financial Year was 3,230.
- c) The total remuneration payable for all external information technology contractors employed in 2018-19 was \$513,942,265 (GST exclusive).
- d) The total number of hours recorded by external information technology contractors in the 2018-19 Financial Year was 3,487,644.