

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing–February 2009

Written question reference: CC12 (a)-(b)

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Spending on consultants in 2007-08

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Question: (Senator Coonan)

(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

Answer:

(a) The Department spent the following in 2007-08:

a. Consultants in total	\$ 2,400,144
b. ITC Consultants	\$ 367,337
c. Legal Consultants	\$ 500,195
d. HR Consultants	\$ 0
e. Accounting Consultants	\$ 0

(b) To collect this information would require a significant diversion of resources to review all purchase orders, contracts and invoices. The Department does not have sufficient surplus resources to undertake this exercise.