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Question: (Senator Ryan)

- a) How much, and for what, has the Department spent on external consultancies since November 2007?
- b) For external consultancies currently being undertaken, what is the cost and project description of each?

Answer:

- a) The Department has spent \$23.464 million on external consultancies since November 2007. The breakdown over financial years is as follows:
 - i) 2007-08: \$2.560 million¹
 - ii) 2008-09: \$12.152 million¹
 - iii) 2009-10: \$8.752 million²

¹ Note these figures differ from the amounts reported in the Department's 2007-08 and 2008-09 Annual Reports, as the above amounts represent actual expenditure, not the actual contract value.

² The Department's expenditure on consultancies for 2009-10 as shown above is for the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.

These consultancies have been predominantly for IT, Legal, HR and Accounting services.

- b) Details of the external consultancies currently being undertaken are outlined in Attachment A.