Estimates Committee 2004
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Subject:	Consultancies from outside the Northern Territory for 2003-04		

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Question: One of the pre-election promises of the government was that it would reduce the expenditure of consultancies from outside the Northern Territory Public Service. I am asking the minister to provide me with a listing - which you have already done - of the consultancies from outside the Northern Territory for 2003-04. I now ask the minister for the consultancy allocation debt the department would be likely to have once the department has sorted out what likely consultancies will be required for the next 12 months?

Answer:

Answered On: 25/06/2004

Answer: The budgeted amount to be spent on known consultancies for DCIS in 2004-2005 is approximately $1.9M, including local and interstate firms. Of this $250,000 relates to whole of government short course training, sourced through panel contracts, where the agencies reimburse DCIS for the costs. Approximately $865,000 relates to the employment of contract IT staff who reside in the agency and support PIPS and GAS. The balance covers such known requirements as expert advice/assistance with the Telecommunications tender, lease acquisition review, benchmarking of ICT contracts, project management, system enhancement and maintenance and development of the ICT industry plan.