



**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2024-2025**

Ms Nicole Lawder MLA (Chair), Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Miss Laura Nuttall MLA

**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Ms Nicole Lawder MLA

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In relation to: Consulting costs

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**THE CHAIR:** Can I follow up from Mr Cain's question of the state of \$2.24 billion how much for each, perhaps over the past five years inclusive, was spent on consulting services.

**Ms Mirzabegian:** I will have to take that on notice.

**THE CHAIR:** Thank you. And including the '23/24 year what percentage was on consultants?

**Ms Mirzabegian:** As a percentage?

**THE CHAIR:** Yes.

**Ms Mirzabegian:** We will take that on notice.

**Chris Steel MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Territory's estimated procurement expenditure on consultancy services over the last five financial years is outlined in the below table:

Financial Year Period	Amount (GST inclusive)
2019-20	\$ 81,124,843
2020-21	\$ 76,639,359
2021-22	\$ 82,750,689
2022-23	\$ 99,197,470
2023-24	\$ 129,800,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 469,512,388</b>

The amount is based on an analysis of identified natural account codes for consultancy and related services being “Consultants, Consultants - Project Management, Other Professional Services/Fees” through the Territory’s accounts payable invoicing system.

The amount of \$469,512,388 spent over the five financial years represents 7.03 per cent of the total procurement expenditure of \$6,683,263,508 (\$6.68 billion GST inclusive).

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Signature:



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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA