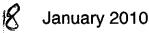


Lord Young of Norwood Green

Minister for Postal Affairs and Employment Relations

The Baroness Sharp of Guildford House of Lords London SW1A 0PW



Dear Baroness Sharp,

To ask Her Majesty's Government, how much the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills and its predecessors spent on consultants in each of the last three years; and who are the top six consultants employed in each year by order of expenditure. HL5579.

You tabled the above Parliamentary Question and I undertook to write to you with a substantive answer. I apologise for the delay in writing.

The Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) spend on consultants in the last three years and the top six consultants employed in each year by order of expenditure is as follows:

2007-2008 - £19,433,876 (DIUS)

Top six consultants

- British Standards Institution (BSI)
- NEL Management Consulting TUV Nel Ltd
- Fujitsu Services Ltd
- AEA Techonolgy plc
- Henningson Durham and Richardson International INC
- Qinetiq Ltd

2008-2009 - £6,369,875 (DIUS)

Top six consultants

- Russam GMS
- Lovelis
- Smartsourcing Ltd

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- KPMG
- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Oakleigh Consulting

1st April 2009 - 31 October 2010 - £9,503,166

(On 5th June 2009, DIUS merged with BERR to become the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)

Top six consultants

- Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
- Serco Ltd
- Deloitte LLP
- KPMG
- Detica Ltd
- PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

I will arrange for a copy of this letter to be placed in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

TONY YOUNG LORD YOUNG OF NORWOOD GREEN