

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister advise the total amount spent on remuneration for Consultants from June 2022 to date?”

Answer

Under Proposition P59/2019, the Chief Minister is required to report the cost of consultants to the Assembly every six months. In addition to consultancy services, the report includes expenditure on interims/contingent labour, fixed-term contract employees and agency staff.

The production of the P59 report includes extensive data collation and verification from a number of systems. It involves teams within Treasury & Exchequer as well as senior budget-holder staff across all Government departments.

Due to other Government priorities over the past 12 months, including supporting recovery work from three major incidents, the HCS financial recovery plan and the implementation of the new Connect System, departments and Treasury have needed to reprioritise and divert resources. This has resulted in delays in non-critical operational activities, including the P59 reporting.

The data for the second half of 2022 will shortly be published as a Report. It will show detail of expenditure incurred on consultancy services across Departments and projects for the period July to December 2022 which is summarised below as:

Consultancy services expenditure for July-December 2022 (H2)	£
Consultancy spend excluding Major projects	£7,189,438
Consultancy spend for major projects	£10,679,047
Total Spend	£17,868,485

N.B these figures exclude interims, agency and fixed term contract employees.

Analysis of the spend for the 2023 financial year is currently in progress. Verification by departmental budget holders has yet not been completed, and therefore the figures shown below are subject to change.

Consultancy services expenditure for 2023	(H1) Jan- June 2023	(H2) July-Dec 2023	Total 2023
Total Spend	£18,583,166	£22,026,911	£40,026,911

N.B. Figures above are unverified data at date of this response and subject to change and restatement.*

*N.B **Additional consultancy expenditure was incurred, during 2023, in relation to the Major Incidents' recovery support. It is planned to identify such expenditure separately in the P59 report for 2023.*