



25 - February 2025

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Doherty

I refer to Parliamentary Question Number 73 (PQ Ref: 3788/25) which you submitted to me for answer on 6 February, 2025:

To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the details of each time his Department, or public bodies under the aegis of his Department, enlisted the services of consultants in 2023 and 2024; the purpose, value, and duration of each contract in relation to public bodies under the aegis of his Department, including where consulting contracts are classified under 'business-as-usual outsourcing' for annual reporting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

In my PQ reply of the same date, I stated that a deferred reply would be issued to you in respect of this Parliamentary Question in line with Standing Order 51(1)(b).

The information requested by you is set out in the tables below in respect of my Department and the bodies under its aegis. This includes the name of the consultants and the purpose, value and duration of each contract.

Please note that I am advised that the State Laboratory did not enlist the services of consultants in 2023 and 2024. Furthermore, I am also advised that the Office of Public Works will respond to you separately in respect of this Question.

I trust that you will find this information of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Jack Chambers, T.D.
Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure,
Public Service Reform and Digitalisation



Department Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform 2023

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
KPMG	External Review of Cloud Environments	€61,500	1 year
Red C Research & Marketing Ltd	Public Consultation / Survey	€18,081	5 months
Agilist Information Technologies Ltd	Consulting Services related to the Configuration of Azure DevOps services	€1,000	1 month
Ernst & Young	Economic Advice	€8,533	4 years
Mitchell McDermott	Quantity Surveying Services	€28,941	8 Weeks
SONAS Innovation	Business Analyst	€21,955	2 years
Thirdspace Consulting LTD	Organisational design and development work to help with decision making on the structure of OGP	€4,400	2 Days
Future Focused Solutions Partners Ltd	Preparation for and delivery of CSA networking events in Dublin and Waterford	€2,952	16 hours
Interaccess LTD	Usability testing of OGP eLearning platform	€6,052	6 weeks
Red C Market Research	Provision of an online client engagement survey which is ran every two years	€43,050	4 years
Gartner Ireland Limited	External Support Services for a Benchmarking Exercise to establish Value for Money Markers in OGP's next iteration ICT Professional Services X 2 Framework	€49,200	3 months
Lionheart Consultants	Interim Procurement Reform Board effectiveness review	€20,664	5 months
Mitchell McDermott	Quantity Surveying Services	€28,941	8 weeks
INDECON	To develop a set of recommendations on the value proposition of the Procurement Function	€60,885	3 months
Institute of Public Administration (IPA)	The development of guidance for Departments preparing action plans to address the recommendations of an Organisational Capability Review	€15,300	6 months
Chartered Institute of Professional Development	Developing People Practice for the Civil Service in partnership with CIPD	€153,540	5 years



BH Consulting	eCohesion ICT system Penetration Testing	€2,398	8 weeks
Brave Labs	Stakeholder engagement workshops and report as part of co-design of 4th Open Government Action Plan	€10,704	2 months
Derilinx	Hosting and Tech support of the open Data Portal, data.gov.ie	€85,000	1 year

Department Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform 2024

Consultants	Purpose of Contract	Value of Contract	Duration of contract
Deloitte Ireland	Consultancy on design of Life Events	€113,836	1 year
Deloitte Ireland	Review of MyGovID on eIDAS LOA	€49,500	1 year
OVE ARUP AND PARTNERS IRELAND LIMITED	Construction Related Technical Advisory Services to the Office of Government Procurement for the CWMF Review	€492,000	4 years
Lionheart Consultants	Procurement Reform Board effectiveness review	€20,664	5 months
Frontend Usability Engineering Limited	External support to develop customer journey mapping and co-design workshops	€60,885	6 months
Future Focused Solutions Partners Ltd	Research, Development and Preparation of report for the Future Development of Public Procurement CoP	€2,952	1 day
Future Focused Solutions Partners Ltd	Facilitator at CSA CoP event	€1,169	1 day
Halligan Business Psychology LTD	Developing Competency Framework for Professional Practice Unit	€23,063	2 months
INDECON	To develop a set of recommendations on the value proposition of the Procurement Function	€30,135	3 months
Roffey Park Institute	To review and revise the Organisational Capability Review programme methodology	€46,746	4 months
Ascent Creative Consulting Limited	Future of EU Cohesion Policy post 2027 (public consultation and report)	€30,319	14 months



SkyeByte Productions	Moderator of Future of Cohesion Event Dublin Castle	€5,012	1 day
BH Consulting	eCohesion ICT system Penetration Testing	€2,398	8 weeks
KOSI Corporation Limited	Audit services to assist the management verifications of Ireland's claim under the Brexit Adjustment Reserve	€151,260	12 months
Enviroguide Consulting	Environmental consultancy related to the proposed Raphoe flood relief scheme	€38,991	Contract concludes on completion of scheme consent process
Intrinsic Management	Stakeholder review of 4th Open Government National Action Plan – workshop and report	€3,628	2 months
Derilinx	Hosting and Tech support of the open Data Portal, data.gov.ie	€75,000	1 year
University of Limerick/Studio Saol	Workshop development, delivery and output	€5,000	3 months

Bodies under the Aegis of the Department

National Shared Services Office 2023

Consultants	Purpose of Contract	Value of Contract	Duration of contract
MAC IT Consultants	Chief Information Officer Training	€27,950	1 year
Gartner	Research and Advisory Services	€117,000	1 year
Gartner	ICT Research and Advisory Services	€176,900	1 year
Best Practice Group	Procurement Consultancy Services	€86,347	1 year
Mentoring Connection	FSS Wave 1 review	€45,675	1 year
Expleo	Review of the NSSO's Second Line of Defence	€41,000	1 year
Bob Semple	Risk Management	€24,999	1 year
P.A. Consulting	Audit of the NSSO's ICT Technology	€160,000	6 months

National Shared Services Office 2024

Consultants	Purpose of Contract	Value of Contract	Duration of contract
Risk & Resilience Ltd	Business Continuity Training	€22,500	1 year
Work Matters	Blended Working Enablement	€34,700	1 year



MAC IT Consultants	Chief Information Officer Training	€27,950	1 year
Gartner	ICT Research and Advisory Services	€176,900	1 year
Bob Semple	Risk Management	€24,999	1 year
SIA Partners	ERP Technical Evaluator	€6,125	1 year
Data Analytics (SSON)	Research and Advisory Services	€25,000	1 year

Office of the Ombudsman 2023

Consultants	Purpose of Contract	Value of Contract	Duration of contract
Codec-DSS	Cloud Architect and Cloud Engineer services	€350,000	Three Years
Domino People	HCL Domino/Notes migration/upgrade services	€ 32,000	18 months
D-Pit Solutions	MS Systems migration/integration/interconnectivity services	€19,926	1 year
Waystone	Cyber Security – Continuous Vulnerability Assessment services	€ 65,387	Three Years
Last Thyme	HCL Domino/Notes development services	€ 1,781	1 year

Office of the Ombudsman 2024

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
BearingPoint	Technical Advisory Services	€40,160	2 months

Regulator of the National Lottery 2023

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
Fuel Ltd	Website development	€9,610	3 years + 2 years extension
Gibney	Communications	€68,671	2 years + 2 years extension
Public Authority and Pension Services	Pensions and human resources	€3,999	3 years + 1 year extension
Trident Consulting	Pensions and human resources	€2,153	3 years + 1 year extension
VHI	Pensions and human resources	€1,015	5 years
Petrus Consulting	Accountancy and Payroll Fees	€6,273	2 years + 2 years extension
Mazars	Accountancy and Payroll Fees	€6,210	5 years



Paul Tobin Estate Agents	Estate Agent Fees	€18,450	Once-off, project-based
Comptroller and Auditor General	External Audit Fees	€18,900	1 year
Pinnacle Consulting	Internal Audit Fees	€18,468	2 years + 2 years extension
Datapac	ICT Advisory Services	€13,608	3 years + 2 years extension
Arvo	ICT Advisory Services	€853	Once-off, project-based

Regulator of the National Lottery 2024

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
Fuel Ltd	Website development	€2,429	3 years + 2 years extension
Gibney	Communications	€52,481	2 years + 2 years extension
Onclusive	Media monitoring	€4,848	1 year
Ruepoint	Media monitoring	€10,578	2 years
Trident Consulting	Pensions and human resources	€2,767	3 years + 1 year extension
Public Authority and Pension Services	Pensions and human resources	€4,777	3 years + 1 year extension
VHI	Pensions and human resources	€1,107	5 years
Mazars	Accountancy and Payroll Fees	€6,683	5 years
Petrus Consulting	Accountancy and Payroll Fees	€6,273	2 years + 2 years extension
Grant Thornton	IT Audit and Risk Review	€25,190	Once-off, project-based
Comptroller and Auditor General	External Audit Fees	€18,900	1 year
Pinnacle Consulting	Internal Audit Fees	€9,265	2 years + 2 years extension
Ipsos Ltd	Research	€35,810	Once-off, project-based
Clarity VP Consulting	Strategy	€36,162	6 months



Recruitment Plus	Recruitment services	€29,900	Once-off, project-based
Arvo	ICT Advisory Services	€5,370	Once-off, project-based
Datapac	ICT Advisory Services	€12,431	3 years + 2 years extension

Public Appointments Service 2023

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
Gibney Communications Ltd	PR and Communications Services	€40,000	2 years
National Standards Authority of Ireland	Excellence through People Annual Assessment	€2,625	2 years
Tilting the Lens Ltd	Provision of co-designed reasonable accommodation process	€63,480	5 months
All Ltd t/a Odgers Berndtson	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€196,470	6 months
Gatenby Sanderson Ltd	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€21,151	6 months
McEvoy Associates t/a Signium Ireland	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€90,554	2 years
Perrett Laver Ltd	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€31,926	6 months
Sigmar Recruitment Consultants Ltd	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€52,715	6 months
Strategic Executive Initiative Ltd t/a Amrop	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-	€29,651	6 months



	executive or professional and technical competition.		
Opes Business Partners Ltd	In Depth Assessment	€100,000	1 year, plus 1 year extension
Quinn McDonnell Pattison Ltd t/a Publicis Dublin	Creative Campaign Services	€239,850	1 year
RDC Assessment & Development	Coaching services	€9,102	1 year
Arkphire Security Ltd	IT On site network Support - 3rd party - Citrix draw down days	€9,250	2 years
Deloitte Ireland LLP	Process Automation & Support, RPA configuration	€66,765	3 months
Hibernia Service Ltd t/a Eir Evo	Software Contract & Support	€16,800	18 months
Unit4 Business Software (Ireland) Ltd	Module Support	€10,236	1 week
Version 1 Software Ltd	IT Support & Maintenance	€1,166,598	1 year + 3 years extensions

Public Appointments Service 2024

Consultants	Purpose of contract	Value of contract	Duration of contract
Centre for Competitiveness	Consultancy service to gain EFQM quality standard	€15,325	18 months
Derilinx Ltd	Data\IT Professional Consultancy Service Related to Data Audit	€45,588	1 year
RSM Ireland Business Advisory	External review of appeal	€1,320	1 day
All Ltd t/a Odgers Berndtson	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€141,922	6 months
Alumni Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition. Uk Ltd t/a Alumni Global	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€46,000	6 months
Perrett Laver Ltd	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-	€39,000	6 months



	executive or professional and technical competition.		
Sigmar Recruitment Consultants Ltd	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€28,909	6 months
TMP Advisory t/a Miles Advisory LLP	Procurement of an executive search partner to support a senior executive, non-executive or professional and technical competition.	€30,304	6 months
RDC Assessment & Development	Management Development Programme	€55,965	1 year
Deloitte Ireland LLP	Process Automation & Support	€6,850	1 year
Ecom Solutions Ltd	Software & Support	€16,500	1 year
Exigent Network Integration Limited TA Paradyne	Software Support	€13,298	3 years subscription
Hennessy ERP ITC Ltd	Software Support	€6,930	1 week
Hibernia Service Ltd t/a Eir Evo	Power Platform Support & Advisory Services	€33,725	1 year
Nostra Technologies Ltd	Support	€13,284	18 months
Storm Technology Ltd	Power Platform support & consultancy	€3,800	3 months