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**Dail Question No: 808**

To ask the Minister for Transport to detail the annual spend on external consultants by his Department and its agencies in each of the past three years; the number of consultancy contracts, the largest individual consultancy engagements by value, and whether internal capacity-building or cost-benefit assessments were undertaken prior to engaging external consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

Deputy Clendennen

Please find as follows the data requested:

Irish Aviation Authority external consultancy information for 2023 (Pre and Post Reorganisation):

- Spend: €1,56 m
- Contracts: 30
- Largest individual contract for the safety, security, and economic regulation divisions of the Irish Aviation Authority : Cambridge Economic Policy Associates @ €89,000

IAA external consultancy information for 2024

- Spend: €1,32 m
- Contracts: 24
- Largest individual contract: Cambridge Economic Policy Associates @ €202,000

IAA external consultancy information for 202:

- The 2025 Financial Statements are currently being prepared so this data is not available yet.
- They are being prepared for submission to the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General for audit on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Sincerely

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