

Expenditure on Consultancy by Department of Education and Skills in 2014

Consultants, Experts, Advisors	Start Date	Completion Date	Status of Report	Purpose of Consultancy	Total Cost 2014
Gartner	Nov-11	Jun-15	No Report	Provision of ICT research, advice, guidance and related services to the IT Unit	€42,435.00
Dr Mike McLinden Dr Wendy McCracken	Nov-13	Jun-14	Published Feb 2015	Review of the Visiting Teachers service for blind and visually impaired and deaf and hard of hearing (VTVHI)	€15,363.24
Padraig McNamara	Oct-13	Nov-13	*	External Review of funding and financial arrangements for Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) centres funded by the Department.	€4,000.00
National council for the Blind	Jan-14	Feb-14	No Report	Accessibility audit of the Department's website	€4,850.00
MKA (Mitchell Kane Associates)	Jan-14	Apr-14	No Report	Creation of brand guidelines and logo re Springboard, ICT Skills Conversion, Momentum, the Skillnets Jobseekers Programmes, Job Bridge and Jobs Plus	€5,412.00
Centre for Effective Services (CES)	Jun-14	Mar-15	May-15	SUSI Review - Phase 1. Review of the learning gained from the establishment of the Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI).	€7,000.00
Centre for Cross Border Studies	Oct-14	Dec-14	No Report	Review Paper on Southern Irish Postgraduates in Northern Ireland, to comply with Section 8(7) of the Student Support Act 2011.	€1,845.00
SIA Management Group	Jun-14	Jun-14	No Report	Consultancy Service provided to MAC in relation to Planning Activities.	€2,892.50
Grant Thornton	Sep-14	Nov-14	Affidavit to Court of Appeal	Specialist expert advice on the application by STS Ltd to adduce new evidence to the Court of Appeal in its appeal of the HC judgement of 23rd October, 2012	€35,842.20
Version 1 - (IT)	Apr-14	Feb-15	No Report	Provision of Oracle Financials consultancy services to support the proof of concept phase of the preparation of the move to the Financial Shared Services Project	€34,557.50
Economic & Social Research Institute	Oct-14	Jan-15	Published Jan 2015	Report on the Evaluation of DEIS	0**
Deloitte	Nov-13	Dec-14	No Report	New organisational design for ETBs and Solas	€11,623.50
Deloitte	Jan-14	Jul-14	*	Provision of support for the development of the Business Case for ETB Shared Services Payroll Project	€81,549.00
Eamonn Stack	Jun-13	Jun-14	Jun-14	Leading a Working Group on proposals for a new model for allocating teaching resources for students with special educational needs to mainstream schools.	€9,880.00
Deloitte	Mar-13	Apr-14	*	Audits of the national agencies for the Lifelong Learning Programme in Ireland to serve as the basis for the submission of Declarations of Assurance to the European commission	€14,975.25
Deloitte	Dec-13	Dec-13	*	Audits of the national agencies for the Erasmus + Programme in Ireland to serve as the basis for the submission of Declarations of the ex ante compliance assessment to the European commission	€10,455.00
Fitzpatrick's & Associates	Dec-13	Jul-14	Jan-15	Ex Ante Evaluation of the ESF Operational Programme	€53,218.00
Mazars	Nov-13	Jan-14	*	External Auditing Services	€3,195.39
H2 Learning	May-14	Sep-15	No Report	Advice and guidance on the development and implementation of the Digital Strategy for schools.	€33,517.50
ICS Skills	Jun-14	Nov-14	*	As part of the development of the Digital Strategy for schools, the running of focus groups, conducting analysis and summarise the data, and reporting findings	€19,000.00
Education Research Centre	Jan-13	Sep-14	Published Oct 2015	The provision of input to ICT census of primary, post-primary, and special schools and analysis of census data	€24,624.00
Stratigos Ltd	Oct-13	Jun-14	No Report	Business Process Improvement Training (BPI)	€23,899.65
Institute of Public Administration (IPA)	Jul-14	Mar-15	No Report	Provision of Guidelines relating to best practice approach by management regarding delegation, meeting and coaching skills.	€2,447.70
Ernst & Young (EY)	Nov-14	Aug-15	*	Expert assistance in relation to the development of a baseline report, business case (cost benefit analysis & implementation roadmap) for a financial shared service within the ETB sector.	0**
			* Internal reports not for publication	2014 Total:	€442,582.43
				** Consultancies engaged in 2014 but where no payment had been made by year end	