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Dear Jonathan

I am writing to advise you that part of the answer I gave to a Parliamentary Question (UIN 76031) on 23 November 2011 (Official report, Column 411W), about consultancy spend on the Intercity Express Programme and Thameslink Rolling Stock procurements, contained an error.

The figures that I provided in my answer for work invoiced by Capita Resourcing were incorrect. A revised table is attached (Annex A).

I will be making a Ministerial correction to amend this information today, and a copy of this letter has been placed in the libraries of the House.

The error was due to an inaccurate transcription from the Department's programme management records. Capita Resourcing has invoiced the Department under two pseudonyms, 'Capita Resourcing' and 'Capita Interim Management'. For ease of reference both of these firms are quoted in my answer to your question as 'Capita Resourcing'. However, the amount billed to the Department by 'Capita Interim Management' was not transcribed into the answer, giving a lower figure than is actually the case.

The other costs in the answer are all correct. The Department has clarified its records on this point, and additional checking processes have been agreed by the relevant Programme Management teams to guard against similar errors occurring in the future.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Regards

Theresa

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Annex A
Corrected Parliamentary Question and Answer

Original is taken from Hansard, 23 Nov 2011: Column 411W. Columns requiring correction are in **bold**, with suggested corrections placed alongside them.

Jonathan Ashworth: To ask the Secretary of State for Transport which consultants and advisers her Department has employed in respect of the (a) Thameslink programme, (b) Thameslink rolling stock procurement and (c) Intercity Express programme; how much she has budgeted in respect of each such contractor; and how much each contractor has invoiced to date. [76031]

Mrs Villiers [holding answer 21 October 2011]: The information requested can be found as follows.

23 Nov 2011 : Column 412W

<i>Thameslink Rolling Stock Project</i>			
<i>£ million</i>			
	<i>Costs incurred to May 2010</i>	<i>Cost incurred June 2010 to September 2011</i>	<i>October 2011 to March 2012 forecast</i>
Arup	4.0	1.7	0.5
Freshfields	6.6	1.9	1.3
PWC	2.5	0.9	0.6
Interfleet	1.5	0.1	0
Booz	0.5	0.3	0.1
Total	15.1	4.9	2.5
<i>Thameslink Programme</i>			
<i>£ million</i>			
	<i>Costs incurred to May 2010</i>	<i>Cost incurred June 2010 to September 2011</i>	<i>October 2011 to March 2012 forecast</i>
Atkins	0.5	0.1	0.1
EC Harris	0.2	0.1	0.25
SDG	0	0.1	0.03
Nichols	1.4	0.3	0.04
Bovis Lend Lease Consulting	0.7	0.4	0.09
Eversheds	0.07	0.01	0
Willis	0.036	0.004	0.01
Total	2.906	1.014	0.52
<i>IEP Programme</i>			
<i>£ million</i>			

	<i>Costs incurred to May 2010</i>	<i>Cost incurred June 2010 to September 2011</i>	<i>October 2011 to March 2012 forecast</i>
Barkers HR Advertising	0.016	0	0
Capita Resourcing	0.3 , 0.4	0.008	0
Clifford Chance	0.002	0	0
Congress Centre	0.012	0	0
Ernst and Young	0.2	0	0
First Class Partnership	0.006	0	0
Freshfields	5.6	1.0	1.1
Jim Standen Associates	0.01	0	0
Manpower	0	0.13	0.25
Mott MacDonald	11.8	0.48	0.70
MWB Business Exchange	0.002	0	0
Nichols	3.1	0.09	0.02
PWC	2.5	0.16	0.8
QCs	0	0.01	0.01
Reed Employment	0.06	0.03	0
SDG	1.2	0.13	0
Willis	0.01	0.005	0.009
Total	24.81 , 24.91	2.04	2.88

Detailed spending plans for years beyond the financial year 2011-12 have not yet been agreed.