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Anger as Whitehall spends £7bn on private consultants

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Government departments have spent £7.2bn on consultants in three years, but appear not to have a clear idea of what value they got for their money, according to the first authoritative survey by the official public spending watchdog.

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... chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, said: "... the most damning finding is that, time and again, departments fail to keep an eye on how these companies perform or if they are delivering."

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