

32.3 Services

This item increased to €740.0 million, up €102.1 million on the corresponding period of the previous year, as shown in the following table:

(€'000)	1st half 2016	1st half 2015	Variation
Consultancy and technical services	283,590	191,239	92,351
Fees to directors, statutory auditors and independent auditors	6,251	6,430	(179)
Employee travel costs	2,267	3,466	(1,199)
Maintenance and testing	18,986	7,473	11,513
Transport and customs	61,606	86,681	(25,075)
Insurance	27,877	33,011	(5,134)
Recharging of costs by consortia	92,346	189,506	(97,160)
Rent and leases	125,988	66,269	59,719
Charge backs	34	176	(142)
Other	121,003	53,600	67,403
Total	739,948	637,851	102,097

“Other” increased by €67.4 million over the first six months of 2015 and includes the cost of temporary workers on CMT IS’ Danish contract (Cityringen project) of approximately €68.8 million and costs allocated by joint operations of €4.7 million, while the remainder mostly relates to utilities, seconded personnel, security and board costs.

“Consultancy and technical services” increased by €92.4 million and mainly consist of the design and construction costs incurred by the SPEs and legal and administrative consultancy fees. A breakdown of this item is as follows:

(€'000)	1st half 2016	1st half 2015	Variation
Design and engineering services	201,765	151,329	50,436
Legal, administrative and other services	33,523	29,757	3,766
Testing	378	495	(117)
Construction	47,924	9,658	38,266
Total	283,590	191,239	92,351

The increase is mainly due to design and engineering services and the construction work performed on the Riyadh Metro in Saudi Arabia.