

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Cost of former Speaker's portrait**

Question: **193**

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Senator SMITH: I have got in front of me the contract notice—I think you call it the CNID—No. 1812371, which, as you say, identifies Mr Paul Newton as the artist for the official portrait of the former Speaker, Mr Slipper. Am I correct in saying that the contract value is \$35,200?

Ms Mills: As I understand it, \$30,000 is GST exclusive and an additional sum of \$2,000 has been paid to the artist to assist with framing costs. As I said earlier, there are often small variations to the price either for travel or other incidentals connected with the portrait.

Senator SMITH: Am I correct in saying that the official portrait yet to be done of the former Speaker, Mr Slipper, will cost the taxpayer \$35,200?

Ms Mills: I am sorry, I do not have the contract in front of me. The figure I have here is a working figure and is a little less than that, but I can confirm that.

Answer

The total price of the contract with Paul Newton Art Services P/L is \$35,200 (GST inclusive) or \$32,000 (GST exclusive); this figure includes \$30,000 (+\$3,000 GST) standard portrait fee and an additional \$2,000 (+\$200 GST) allocation for framing.