

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Question No. 9

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 19 October 2009:

In relation to the contract between the AMF and Monash University, Professor Gary Bouma (signed in January 2008), and between the AMF and RMIT University, Professor Des Cahill (signed in March 2008), provide the total cost of the investigation since its commencement. Who is responsible for drafting the report? Provide details as to who is drafting each section of the report?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The total cost of the project to date is \$294,112.

The major report will be drafted by the research team, which consists of Dr Hass Dellal, Professor Gary Bouma and Professor Des Cahill.

There have also been 11 supplementary papers commissioned for the report.

- Social and emotional well-being and religion and belief: prepared by VicHealth
- Freedom of religion and the media: written by Professor Sheridan-Burns (University of Western Sydney)
- 2 papers on religion and the law: one paper written by Professor Carolyn Evans (University of Melbourne); and one paper co-written by Maria Dimopoulos (Myriad Consultants) and Justice Nahum Mushin (Family Court of Australia)
- Freedom of religion and the arts/culture: written by Professor Amareswar Galla (University of Queensland)
- Indigenous spirituality: written by a scholar based at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
- The role of multi-faith dialogue in countering terrorism: written by Anna Halafoff (Monash University)
- Freedom of religion and secularism: written by Professor Tonini (Australian Catholic University)
- Global peace and conflict: written by Professor Kevin Clements (Otago University)
- Religion and gender: written by Peta Pellach, Sister Trish Madigan and Ghena Krayem
- Demographic analysis of submissions: written by Professor Kevin Dunn (University of Western Sydney)

The Commission will also prepare an over-arching introduction to the research.