

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

DESIGN, SCOPE, COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS, CONTRACTS AWARDED AND IMPLEMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE BETTER MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM INITIATIVE

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

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Question:

Senator REYNOLDS: Out of interest, are you able to provide the cost of the department's engagement in all 12 of these hearings?

Mr Hutson: We will take that on notice.

Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you.

Answer:

The department has spent \$39,862 (excluding GST) on travel and venue hire for seven hearings that have taken place.

The department estimates it will spend a further \$6,100 (excluding GST) on hearings planned for Brisbane (16 May 2017) and Canberra (18 May 2017).