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**Inquiry into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)
Public Hearing –Friday, 24 August 2018
Questions Taken on Notice
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

1 HANSARD, p. 57

Senator MOORE: Okay, and staffing issues on SDGs is the whole of the DFAT budget. How much did the voluntary report cost? You can't tell me that's the whole DFAT budget.

Ms Aeuckens: We don't have those figures.

Senator MOORE: The voluntary report was a very concrete project. You may have to take this on notice.

Ms Aeuckens: I think we will have to take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: What was the cost of the resources involved in developing the voluntary review generally? If we can have that itemised, that would be good.

Mr Tinning: Do you want direct or indirect cost? We had five staff working on it, three of whom we took off other jobs, so I guess it depends whether you want a full cost, a direct budget cost or both.

Senator MOORE: Both.

Mr Tinning: Okay, we'll do that.

ANSWER

Staffing Costs

At peak staffing (2017/2018) the 2030 Agenda work in DFAT was led by a team of 4.49 full-time equivalent staff. This included one EL2, two EL1 and two APS6 staff. Not all were full time and they worked on a range of matters, including coordination of the 2030 Agenda and Voluntary National Review. SES officers had oversight of the work. This answer reflects information previously provided in QoN 142, October 2017.

Other VNR Preparation and Delivery Costs

The following table represents expenses relating to developing the VNR:

Description	Cost
build and host National SDG Indicator Reporting Platform	159,784.40
SDG Australia Website (paid to Global Compact Network Australia)	120,000
High Level Political Forum 2017, preparation for VNR	23,101.18
High Level Political Forum 2018, delivery of VNR	45,329.76
2018 Domestic Launch of the VNR	4,338.21
Consultation - Research Agencies, ACFID, RDI, DoEE	3,943.52
Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (preparatory meeting for HLPF) (Bangkok March 2018)	5,729.46
SDG Summit Melb March 2018	1,036.80
Expert Group Meeting for VNR Presenting Countries (Geneva Dec 2017)	10,220.77
VNR design and typeset	15,620
Indigenous Art design of SDG tiles	3,665
Print run 500 copies of VNR	6,039.25
Production of Booklet: Tracking Australia's Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals	3,938
Total	\$402,746.35