

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

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Topic: GCCSI - Meeting Costs Organised by the Institute

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Senator Bushby asked:

Senator BUSHBY: If you can, I will look at your answer when it comes in. I am happy for you to take this on notice. Can the department please provide an itemised list of the cost of each of the meetings that the institute has organised with its members as opposed to its board, which I think is what I asked last time, since its inception. On that list, please include against each meeting the number of staff from Australia, the travel to that meeting, the location of the meeting, the number of staff from elsewhere that travelled to the meeting, the cost of travel, the cost of accommodation and the cost of hospitality. I am particularly interested in knowing whether in May 2010 there was a meeting in Pittsburgh where the Pittsburgh Steelers stadium was hired for the event. In October 2010, there was a meeting in Kyoto where the Iron Chef was hired to cook for the members.

Ms Sewell: I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

The Institute is a private company established under the *Corporations Act 2001*, with a Board of Directors responsible for governance as prescribed under Corporations Law.

The Institute provides a number of reports to the Department, including financial reports, but the Department does not require the Institute to provide this level of detail on expenditure, instead it reports against outcome streams.