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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Ms Bryant, you commenced by saying that the budget was based on four full-time staff. In fact, it is calculated in relation to six full-time staff, but Dr Renwick has elected to fill only four of those positions and use the balance for the Australian Government Solicitor. Is that correct?

Ms Bryant: I would have to check, but my understanding is that it is for four full-time staff and Dr Renwick's costs are on top of that. The budget for the financial year of 2016-17 was \$841,000.

Senator McALLISTER: \$841,000?

Ms Bryant: It was \$841,000. I will check this very quickly for you—I am hoping my team is checking it now for me—that that is the same for the 2017-18 financial year as well. But I will check, as well, the number of staff.

Senator McALLISTER: Is it possible to also see that broken down over the forward estimates?

Ms Bryant: Yes, definitely. We can break it down by employees and suppliers. But I will say that, if there is any period of time that Dr Renwick feels that he needs more resources, there is an ability within the internal budget process that we do within PM&C to review that based on Dr Renwick's needs. He would come into those midyear and at other points in time where we can review budget allocations within the department.

Answer:

- Please refer to Question 1.