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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Is the intention to recruit against the standard Public Service employment framework?

Mr Yeaman: I think that will ultimately be a matter for the CEO, once in place, to determine who they want to recruit and whether they need to ask for any special provisions, but, at this stage, we would expect that the officers employed would primarily, apart from the contractors I mentioned, be APS officers.

Senator McALLISTER: What was the dollar figure that you provided annually for contractors?

Mr Yeaman: I have not provided a dollar figure for the contractors. It is part of the \$4.2 million, so the \$4.2 million includes the 14 APS staff and provision for five contractors.

Senator McALLISTER: Does it include anything else?

Mr Yeaman: It also covers running costs, accommodation and the other elements of running an agency. I do not have a specific breakdown of those costs in front of me, but I could seek a breakdown if you are after particular elements.

Senator McALLISTER: I would appreciate that. A breakdown of the line items for the organisation's budget for this year and next year would be appreciated. Was that some additional information?

Answer:

Budgeted costs for the Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency include:

Category of expenditure	2017/2018	2018/2019
Employee Benefits (including superannuation and leave entitlements, and overheads)	\$2,689,000	\$2,674,000
Suppliers (including contractors, contractor related overheads, and travel)	\$1,523,000	\$1,524,000
Depreciation and amortisation	\$27,000	\$27,000
Total expenses	\$4,239,000	\$4,225,000

(Reference: table 3.1, p.203, Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency Portfolio Budget Statement 2017-18)