

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
Budget Estimates
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Senator Bushby asked:

1. Can the Department please provide a list of organisations that the Institute has provided funds to, the purpose of these grants and what outputs the Institute has received from these funds? Please indicate whether funds were given up front to organisations or whether funds were provided as milestone payments against performance.
2. Can the Department please provide the cost of fitting out the Canberra office, including as separate items, the costs of fixtures and fittings in the main boardroom in the office?
3. Can the Department please provide details of the recruitment process for a number of general managers, including the hiring of Victor Der in 2011 and John Scowcroft in 2012. What advertisements were made of these hirings and how much was spent on executive search?
4. Have any of the members of the Institute complained about the funding of successful projects? If so, can you please provide the details of these complaints?

Answer:

1. 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. Decision-making regarding funding provided to other organisations and the purpose of this funding is the responsibility of the management of the Institute. The Department does not hold this information.

The following contracts were entered into by the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism during the 2008-09 financial year. On establishment of the Institute the contracts were novated to the Institute, with any payments remaining to be paid by the Institute. All contracts had milestones and deliverables. The Department does not hold information regarding milestones and deliverables for these contracts since their novation to the Institute.

	Total Payments for milestones prior to 30 June 2009 Paid by Department	Total Value of Contract
CSIRO	\$1,667,200	\$3,890,600.00
IEF	\$187,500	\$250,000.00
Climate Change Organisation	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000.00
LEK Consulting	\$2,311,263	\$2,991,300.00
IEA GHG Environmental Projects	\$1,548,275	\$2,572,575.00
Worley Parsons	\$870,854	\$4,354,268.20
ICF	\$400,000	\$1,531,995.00

Asian Development Bank	\$21,500,000	\$21,500,000
Clinton Foundation	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
US DOE CSLF Secretariat	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
International Energy Agency	\$18,548,243	\$18,548,243

2. The Institute moved into its accommodation at 64 Allara Street, Civic on 1 July 2009. Prior to the Institute's establishment, approval for the fit out was obtained by the Department on 12 March 2009 from the Public Works Committee, with an estimated cost of \$2.5-\$3 million. The total cost of the fit out was \$2.995 million. The Department does not have a breakdown of the fit out costs on a room by room basis. The fit out included the establishment of the Board Room to Government standard.
3. 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.

Recruitment processes and selection of General Managers are the responsibility of the Institute. The Department does not hold this information.

4. The Department has not received any complaints of this nature.