

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 - Sport and Recreation

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Senator: Di Natale, Richard

Question:

Is the Department aware that the original budgeted cost for the bid book for Australia's World Cup bid, according to internal budgets, was \$7 million, but this blew out with no explanation to \$11 million?

Answer:

The "internal budget prepared by the FFA in 2009" was an internal FFA working document, which was never submitted to Government, or presented as an actual budget.

The original budget for the "Bid Book" line item as per the funding agreement was \$8.0 million (ex GST). This included expenses related to bid book preparations, the bid inspection tour and final presentation.

The final cost was \$10.38 million. FFA's rationale for the variance was outlined in the 6th Progress Report submitted to Government. The explanation was that the initial budget was an estimate prepared before FIFA released its bidding documentation and inspection requirements, which ultimately resulted in a higher cost.