

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: DSS Grant Process

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Senator Brown, Carol asked:

What costs were associated with the tender process? (including Staffing, Accommodation, Advertising, Consultancies, Other Administrative)

Answer:

Outside of the normal departmental operating expenses, including departmental staff working on the assessment of applications, the costs associated with the tender process can be categorised as follows:

1. Staffing – procurement of temporary staff to attend to the workload surge. In the 2014/15 FY the department has expended \$3.02 million to 28 February 2015.
2. Specialist Expertise – including probity, financial viability, quality assurance, project management and stakeholder management. In the 2014/15 FY the department has engaged in five consultancies to the value of \$1.170 million.
3. Other Expenses – including national newspaper advertisements, email alert systems, information and training sessions. In the 2014/15 FY the department has expended \$0.158 million to 28 February 2015.