

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 10 - Sport and Recreation

Topic: FIFA World Cup Bid

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Xenophon, Nick

Question:

- a) In the Budget Estimates hearings, I was advised that \$42.25 million was spent on the 2020 bid for the FIFA World Cup. Does this figure include all expenses to the tax payer including travel and accommodation expenses of Ministers, staff and the staff of Government agencies during the lobbying phase and the announcement in 2010?
- b) Has the Department sought legal advice as to the merits of seeking compensation from FIFA for the full cost to the tax payer of the bid, which media reports strongly suggest has been a corrupted process?

Answer:

- a) This figure only includes the direct funding provided to Football Federation Australia.

Costs of approximately \$900,000 were incurred in relation to the World Cup bid Taskforce, absorbed within the Department. This included staff salaries and on costs, travel and fees for legal advice relating to the bid.

In accordance with usual practice, the travel and accommodation expenses of Ministers are the responsibility of the Department of Finance.

- b) No.