

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Watt, Murray

**Question:**

Senator WATT: This contract expired on 30 June 2016. Was another contract issued after that date for work to be performed after that date?

Mr Bowles: I am not sure specifically. They would be fulfilling the contractual arrangements for that particular period, even though it flows on after the period.

Senator WATT: Mr Cormack, do you know whether another contract was issued?

Senator WATT: Could you check that for me?

Mr Bowles: I am saying to you that we have not paid any more.

Senator WATT: How much have you paid them? \$55,000?

Mr Bowles: \$55,000. And just because the work did not finish, they finished it after the due date. We will check whether we varied the arrangements, but it is not unusual for people to deliver after the end of a particular period.

**Answer:**

A second contract was not entered into. No funding was provided beyond the initial \$55 000 (including GST).