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Topic: Q&A program in Shanghai

Senator Seselja asked:

Senator SESELJA: I want to go to the Q&A program in Shanghai in April this year. I did not watch it, so I do not know if it was any good. Who made the decision? Was that a decision taken by you, or was that taken just by Q&A?

Mr Scott: It was made by me.

Senator SESELJA: What was the rough cost of staging that show?

Mr Scott: I will give it to you on notice.

Senator SESELJA: Just on notice, maybe some detail in terms of a breakdown of obviously travel costs, accommodation and all the production costs.

Mr Scott: I think the Q&As we have done from Jakarta, Delhi and Shanghai have been amongst the best programs we have done. They have brought discussions of those countries into the living rooms of Australians. We have had outstanding panellists. I think they have been a great success.

Senator SESELJA: Given you personally ticked off on it, do you have a ballpark figure? Are we talking \$100,000, \$500,000 or \$1 million? I have no idea.

Mr Scott: Around \$200,000, I think.

Answer:

The expenditure for the Q&A program broadcast from Shanghai in April was \$260,000.

For this production, travel and accommodation expenditure was approximately \$93,000 and production-related expenditure was approximately \$167,000.