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Topic: Staff Recruitment

Senator RUSTON asked:

Senator RUSTON: Do you know how much was spent in the recruitment process for personnel?

Mr Wiegold: At the start-up of the agency, there was an expression of interest within the Department of Communications. They leveraged some of existing Department of Communications staff at the time, so I understood the expenditure was minimal. I do not have the exact number.

Senator RUSTON: Can you get that?

Mr Wiegold: I can take that on notice.

Senator RUSTON: So you would not be able to tell me how many vacancies were actually filled via the consultancy as opposed to via the agency?

Mr Wiegold: No. I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The executive search for the TUSMA CEO and Board Members were undertaken by EWK International. The recruitment exercise was \$119,186.74 (GST exclusive).

TUSMA employees were identified through an expression of interest within the Department of Communications. The movement of these APS employees was completed under Section 26, Voluntary moves between Agencies under the *Public Service Act 1999*. Expenditure was minimal.