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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: It will not be revised down. So what is the department's total spend to date on personal accident and public liability insurance for the Green Army?

Mr Sullivan: We will have to take that on notice. I do not have that level of detail.

Senator URQUHART: Maybe you could also take on notice how much the insurance costs per participant and what the forecast spend is for insurance up to and including the 2018-19 year?

Mr Sullivan: Certainly, we can take that on notice.

Answer:

During the 2014-15 financial year, the Department paid a premium of \$50,625.00 (GST exclusive) on the Group Personal Accident and \$28,125.00 (GST exclusive) on the Public & Products Liability insurances that were arranged for all persons who undertook projects, activities, training or services as Participants in the Australian Government's Green Army Programme.

This equated to \$22.50 per participant for the Group Personal Accident policy and \$12.50 per participant for the Public & Products Liability policy.

It is anticipated that the cost for these insurances per participant will decrease in future financial years, due to better economies of scale with increased project and participant numbers. The programme will also have a defined insurances claims history in future financial years that may impact the premiums offered by potential insurance providers.

This will continue until 2018-19, when the Green Army reaches its maximum capacity.