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Department of Communications and the Arts

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Program 2.1

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Topic: Australian and screen content - Joint Review Cost

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me what the cost of the review is?

Mr Eccles: Whatever costs are associated with it are going to be absorbed within the department's budget. There will be the usual costs associated with salaries, the hosting of a website and those sorts of things, but there is no earmarked or allocated budget. It is something we are confident we can do within our standard running costs.

Senator URQUHART: I am interested what the cost will be. Obviously it includes salaries. Do you have an amount?

Mr Eccles: No, we do not.

Senator URQUHART: Can you get me that on notice?

Mr Eccles: We will be able to give you that once we are up and running. We will just let you know the number of staff. From there we will be able to work out the salary costs.

Senator URQUHART: If you could take it on notice to do that, that would be good....

Answer:

The Department of Communications and the Arts currently has 7 staff assigned to the review, as follows:

1 SES B1
2 x EL2
2 x APS 6
2 x APS 5

The Department's base salary structure is as follows:

SES 1 \$168,330 – \$198,677
EL 2 \$118,480 - \$140,445
APS 6 \$78,897 - \$92,660
APS 5 \$71,550 - \$77,965