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Topic: Consultant Spending

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

Senator BILYK: How have you managed to make those savings?

Mr Mason: As I just said, overhead came down 40 per cent and staffing by 45 per cent.

Senator BILYK: Can you explain to me what you mean by 'overhead' in regard to this?

Mr Mason: We moved offices. Obviously there was a big staff reduction. Consultants—everything you could look at within the spectrum of savings.

Senator BILYK: You do not use consultants anymore; is that what you are saying?

Mr Mason: Very rarely.

Senator BILYK: How much were you spending on consultants before?

Mr Mason: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: If you could, that would be good.

Answer:

Screen Australia's expenditure on consultants was \$722,299 in 2013-14, and dropped to \$291,312 in 2014-15.