

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Classification Board / Classification Review Board**

**Question No: 157(l)**

**Classification Board / Classification Review Board**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 31/10/2016**

**Topic: Contractors and consultants**

**Senator McAllister, Jenny asked:**

1. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:
  - (a) The project or engagement;
  - (b) The value of the contract;
  - (c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and
  - (d) The purpose of the contract.

For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:

- (a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and
- (b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.

**Answer:**

1. Total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year for the Classification Board and Classification Review Board was \$9,773.80

Provision of psychological support services

- (a) An Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) provider was engaged to provide psychological support services to the Classification Board and, as required, the Classification Review Board in relation to potential adverse reaction to the viewing of confronting or offensive material submitted for classification.
- (b) The value of the contract was \$3,823.80.
- (c) The name of the contracted firm was AccessEAP.
- (d) The purpose of the contract was to provide training in psychological self-management and counselling services in respect of possible adverse reactions to confronting or offensive material (vicarious trauma).

Provision of grammar and punctuation training

- (a) A training provider was engaged to conduct an in-house training session for members of the Classification Board in grammar and punctuation.
- (b) The value of the contract was \$5,950.00.

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(c) The name of the contracted firm was Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney.

(d) The purpose of the contract was to provide training in grammar and punctuation to assist Board members (selected to be broadly representative of the Australian community) in the preparation of written reports on films, computer games and publications viewed for classification purposes.

Provision of psychological support services

(a) Name of Contractor engaged: AccessEAP.

(b) Total payments made: \$3,823.80.

Provision of grammar and punctuation training

(a) Name of Contractor engaged: Centre for Continuing Education, University of Sydney.

(b) Total payments made: \$5,950.00.