

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** CSIRO

**TOPIC:** Mr Richard Achuleta

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 11 February 2016 page 76-77 )

**QUESTION No.:** AI-10

Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me who is Mr Richard Achuleta? Is there a consultant you have put on called Richard Achuleta? I understand he is an integration manager.

Mr Roy : Otherwise known as 'Ach' and he is the integration manager of Data61, is my understanding, but let me just confirm.

Senator KIM CARR: Is he on a short-term contract?

Mr Roy : He is on a contract.

Senator KIM CARR: Was it advertised?

Dr Williams : I can answer that question. 'Ach', as he is known, is on a short-term contract and actually leaves within the next week.

Senator KIM CARR: His contract finishes, does it?

Dr Williams : Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Was it an advertised contract?

Dr Williams : No, it was not. It was an integration contract to help with the integration—

Senator KIM CARR: What was that for?

Dr Williams : The merger of NICTA and the digital productivity business unit.

Senator KIM CARR: What was the value of the contract?

Dr Williams : I have not got that with me. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: I am told it was about half a million, is that right?

Dr Williams : I do not know.

Senator KIM CARR: But it was not actually advertised?

Dr Williams : No.

**ANSWER**

Mr Richard Achelles was contracted by NICTA, prior to the merger of NICTA and CSIRO's Digital Productivity Business Unit to form Data61, under NICTA's governance processes. The full cost of Mr Achelles' work was \$366,100.25 including superannuation and other employment related expenses such as travel and accommodation.