

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY:** COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION

**TOPIC:** Mr Scott Wilkie and Data61

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 2 March 2017, page 81)

**QUESTION No.:** AI-24

Senator KIM CARR: CSIRO, is Mr Scott Wilkie known to the organisation?

Dr Marshall: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Who is he?

Dr Marshall: I believe he is a gentleman who is helping Data61.

Senator KIM CARR: When you say 'helping', what do you mean? In what capacity is he helping Data61?

Dr Marshall: I think he is an industry expert in cyber. I can get Dr Williams to give you detail on that.

Dr Williams: Mr Scott Wilkie is a consultant, an ex-VC person, and he has been involved a little with Data61 on cyberwork for some of the development there.

Senator KIM CARR: Did you say he was a consultant?

Dr Williams: Yes. He has been a consultant in our information technology group, advising on some of the computer security. But at the moment he is not employed in any form by either of them.

Senator KIM CARR: Is he not employed or is he still a consultant?

Dr Williams: He is not a consultant in any form.

Senator KIM CARR: When was the last time he was acting as a consultant?

Dr Williams: I would have to take the exact date on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Was it a year ago?

Dr Williams: No, it was not a year ago, but it was a while ago.

Senator KIM CARR: More or less than a year ago?

Dr Williams: Less.

Senator KIM CARR: So it was in the last 12 months?

Dr Williams: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: Can you be more specific as to what his duties were for Data61?

Dr Williams: The specific duties we will give you in detail, but in Data61 he actually helped in defining some of the work around cyber and he helped in defining some of the work around the computing needs.

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

Dr Williams: I do not know that.

Senator KIM CARR: Could you provide that? The total package is what I am interested in.

Dr Williams: Yes.

**ANSWER**

Scott Wilkie was engaged by CSIRO through the company Sierra Capital Pty Ltd. The term of the agreement was from 1 October 2015 to 31 October 2016.

Mr Wilkie was engaged by Data61 to support the development of a strategy and frameworks for its cyber security business in Australia and globally, including working with industry, academia and government stakeholders and recruiting partners.

The total value of this work was \$355,759 excl GST (or \$391,334 with GST).