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TOPIC: Cost of moving the CRC Section

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QUESTION No.: BI-43

Senator KIM CARR: What was the cost of moving the CRC program administrative unit from Industry House to the Nishi building and back again in the space of 12 months?

Ms Beauchamp: Those sorts of costs were involved in machinery-of-government changes. As I mentioned, the vocational education and training officers are moving out of accommodation that we are leasing. So we are looking at not just the CRC unit but other units in consolidating all of our functions in Industry House, which will in fact save us money in the longer term.

Senator KIM CARR: So what was the cost of moving the CRC unit from Industry House to the Nishi building and back again?

Ms Beauchamp: I would have to take the actual logistical costs on notice, because it is not just the CRC unit. There are other functions being moved as well, so they would be included in those types of moves. But can I just reiterate that, in the longer term, consolidating in one building is actually saving us a lot in leasing costs.

Mr Hoffman: If I could just add that, if we are talking about the same group of people, as I think we are, they have not in fact moved back from Nishi. The CRC administrative unit, as part of AusIndustry, currently works out of the Nishi building.

ANSWER

The CRC programme administrative unit relocated from Industry House to Nishi on 26 September 2014 and the cost associated with the move was \$2,400. The unit is currently located in the Nishi building.