

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Deregulation Workshop

REFERENCE: Question on Notice (Hansard, 23/10/14, page 95-96)

QUESTION No.: SI-44

Senator KIM CARR: Take me through this again. You have had one workshop, you have paid a consultant \$8,000 for it?

Ms Clough: Thereabouts, yes.

Senator KIM CARR: There was an enormous amount of preparation—to talk to staff of the department?

Ms Clough: The workshop was about looking at a particular piece of regulation.

Senator KIM CARR: How many?

Ms Clough: One regulation.

Senator KIM CARR: A piece of regulation. Did this take all day?

Ms Clough: Most part.

Senator KIM CARR: How many staff were involved?

Ms Clough: From the department?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes.

Ms Clough: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the exact proportion of staff that were from the industry department.

Senator KIM CARR: So, were there other departments present?

Ms Clough: Yes.

Senator KIM CARR: How many?

Ms Clough: I may have to take that on notice. It was a small proportion

Senator KIM CARR: A small proportion of the total number there?

Ms Clough: Thereabouts, but I will take that on notice....

Senator KIM CARR: Who was the consultant for the previous workshop?

Ms Clough: Ernst & Young—a limited tender there, too.

Ms Clough: On that occasion, if my memory serves me correctly, that was also done via quotes, but I am happy to take that one on notice..

ANSWER

1.

Departments deregulation unit	8 full day attendees 1 part day attendee
Department excluding deregulation unit	26 full day attendees 3 part day attendees
Total	34 full day attendees 4 part day attendees

2.

Prime Minister and Cabinet	1 (speaker/attended for 1 hour)
Treasury	2
Department of Environment	2
Total	4 full day attendees 1 part day attendee

3.

Quotes sought	2
Quotes received	2
Value of services	\$9,000 (inc. GST)

Using the Department's procurement guidelines, the consultant was selected by limited tender. The successful tender was awarded to Ernest and Young based on its capacity to meet the requirements of the facilitation services to be provided.