

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

**TOPIC:** Synchrotron funding

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**QUESTION No.:** SI-1

**Senator KIM CARR:** I will come back to the point: are other departmental agencies required to contribute, or is that \$20.5 million entirely through the department of industry?

**Ms Beauchamp:** The \$20.5 million is through the bottom line from the government. The source of funds for that \$20.5 million was considered through the budget development process.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Why can't you tell me who is paying what?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I just said that the government is providing \$20.5 as a budget measure.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Yes, but which agencies within government?

**Ms Beauchamp:** That gets very confusing in terms of the budget development process.

**Senator KIM CARR:** It is very confusing to me if you cannot tell me. Where is the money coming from?

**Ms Beauchamp:** The government.

**CHAIR:** I am interested as well, Senator Carr, but \$20.5 million is made up of a number of different contributions from different agencies. That is your proposition. What you are after is the break-up of that between the agencies.

**Senator KIM CARR:** I cannot see what is unreasonable about that.

**CHAIR:** We will try and get it. It looks like we might have some information.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Do you have some information, Madam Secretary?

**Ms Beauchamp:** The \$20.5 million was made up of contributions from other agencies, yes.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Yes. Can you tell me what those contributions are?

**Ms Beauchamp:** I have not got that information in front of me. Could I take that on notice, please?

**Senator KIM CARR:** Of course you can. I am surprised you have not got that in front of you.

**Ms Beauchamp:** I think from the bottom line—

**Senator KIM CARR:** No, it is not just a question of the bottom line.

**CHAIR:** We do not want to have an argument, Senator Carr.

**Senator KIM CARR:** I cannot understand why there is this obstruction.

**CHAIR:** Madam Secretary has taken it on notice. She has not got it, so there is no point in verballing.

**ANSWER**

The \$20.5 million committed by the Australian Government to 2016-17 operating costs at the Australian Synchrotron comprises \$2.0 million from the Department of Defence, \$5.5 million from the Department of Education and Training, \$5.5 million from the Department of Health and \$7.5 million from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.