

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Ruston asked on 26 February 2015 on proof Hansard page 97

Question

Cost of WGEA reporting

Senator RUSTON: What was the next highest cost?

Ms Wood: I would have to check what the next highest cost was in the actual survey. I would have to take that on notice. We also had cost estimates from the submission process and the range there was \$2,000 up to \$33,000. There was a variety of estimates. The department's own estimate, which we developed as part of the regulation impact statement, was \$4,070 per year for the current requirements and the ones that were due to come on line for the next year. That was across them both and it was just over \$4,000. It was about 50 per cent for the current reporting requirements and about 50 per cent for the new ones.

Answer

The next highest cost reported by an employer in the Workplace Gender Equality Reporting Feedback Survey was \$50,000.