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Question

Curriculum Review – additional resources from the Department

Senator O'NEILL: You have not put any additional allocated, but you have been using some of your staff members. Could you provide a cost of the staff involved for the project from the department? Ms Paul: It is part of our business as usual. We could identify for you, perhaps, how many people have helped support the review. Senator O'NEILL: Yes. And the rough cost that would be plus what has been spent on travel and expenses. If I could have a breakdown, that would be really good. Ms Paul: As I say, it is no additional cost. The \$73,000, I imagine, does largely cover travel, actually. That would be the bulk of it. Mr Cook: And meeting rooms. Ms Paul: And the hire of meeting venues for whatever.

Answer

The Review is supported by a small Secretariat in the Department of Education as part of its usual business. The Secretariat comprises three staff members working full-time on the Review and four staff members working part-time on the Review since January 2014.

Staff travel costs for the Review Secretariat, which were not included in the \$73,000 quoted above, are approximately \$13,000.