

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000947**

**Senator McAllister provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWC - total expenditure on contractors and consultants**

What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year?

**Answer**

The total expenditure on contractors in 2015-16 was \$5.114 million (excluding GST), as reported in the financial statements at page 180 of the Fair Work Commission's annual report.

Expenditure on contractors reported in the financial statements includes a broad range of external service providers. The total includes the following expense categories:

- legal services
- consultancies
- audit services
- agency staff
- seconded staff
- electoral ballot services
- research activities
- other external service providers.

The Commission separately reported total expenditure in 2015-16 on consultants of \$599,694 (including GST) in its discussion of Management and Accountability at page 129 of its annual report. This separate disclosure was made in accordance with subsection 17AG(7) of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rules 2014*.