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Question:

Senator MOORE: I could not work it out either. I also have another question. There appear to be changes to three grants from what was originally recorded. The grant to the Australian Institute of Company Directors on 16 June is now \$65,000 more than it originally was, the grant to the Wirrpanda Foundation on 13 June is now \$5,446 less than before and the grant to the Australian Mines and Metal Association on 30 May is now \$44,000 more. I can submit these on notice. In terms of following through with expenditure, they are quite significant changes.

Ms McSorley: It reflects program management. I think with the AICD one, there were some additional scholarships. The others reflect our normal program management around deliverables and negotiation with stakeholder. But we will take that on notice.

Senator MOORE: A \$44,000 difference?

Ms McSorley: I will take that on notice.

Senator Cash: Are you asking: why the increase?

Senator MOORE: Yes. I can understand a variation of \$5,000 in a grant, but I do not understand a variation of \$65,000—without some sort of information or explanation.

Ms Cross: It would be to provide additional services or do additional work. But we will get the specifics for you.

Senator MOORE: Does that change to a grant, that need, then get reported to the Senate?

Ms Cross: It would just go in the normal grant reporting as a variation to a contract, I would expect. But we will check.

Answer:

The grants referred to have not changed in value to what was reported in the Tabling Lists for the Senate Order Listing on Departmental Grants. Details of the grants including the GST amounts are listed below.

1. The grants to the Australian Institute of Company Directors are as follows:

- a. the Board Diversity Scholarship Programme for \$715,000 (GST inclusive).
The GST is \$65,000;
 - b. the Cultural Diversity Scholarship Programme for \$357,500 (GST inclusive).
2. The Department currently has three funding agreements with the Wirrpanda Foundation Limited (the details of which are below). The Department advises that there has not been any reduction in funding for these grants.
 - a. Wirrpanda Children and Schooling project (Creating Learning Communities) for \$319,000 (GST inclusive);
 - b. Wirrpanda Culture and Capability project (Deadly Sista Girls in Western Australia and Victoria) for \$1,650,000 (GST inclusive);
 - c. Wirrpanda Gender Equality for Women project (Deadly Sista Girls in Western Australia and Queensland) for \$302,500 (GST inclusive).
3. The grant to the Australian Mines and Metals Association for the Australian Women in Resources Alliances Recognised Programme is \$484,000 (GST inclusive). The GST is \$44,000.