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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Senator WONG: You will be very pleased to know that I am going to have to leave soonish. You are taking me through financial year by financial year from 2013 and you are giving me global costs, but what I would like at the end is to have each of those broken down into the staffing and—what are the other components?

Ms Larkins: Expert advisory panel costs and other expenses; so other administrative expenses like travel.

Senator WONG: Are you able to do that?

Ms Larkins: No, I cannot. I can do that globally—that is, I can give you the total cost over 2014 and 2016, but not each of those components by year. And I can take that on notice.

Answer:

Total costs for the Reform of the Federation White Paper Taskforce, to 29 February 2016, are \$4,315,348.00. The breakdown of costs by component and by year is as follows:

| Year | Component | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | Staffing | Expert Advisory Panel Sitting Fees | Travel | Other costs | Total |
| 2013/14 | \$349,555 | n/a | \$21,383 | \$12,902 | \$383,840 |
| 2014/15 | \$1,910,351 | \$59,375.00 | \$149,813 | \$118,444 | \$2,237,983 |
| 2015/16 (to 31 January 2016) | \$1,501,758 | \$83,625.00 | \$71,896 | \$36,246 | \$1,693,525 |
| Total | \$3,761,664 | \$143,000.00 | \$243,092 | \$167,592 | \$4,315,348 |