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Senator: Senator Scott Ludlam

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Question:

Senator LUDLAM: Thanks. Maybe take these on notice. How many sitting days have they had to date? What is the total amount of money expended to date on the RET review and your total allocation to get that project to conclusion?

Mr Archer: I am happy to take those on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, if you could

Answer:

As of 3 June 2014 the Panel had met for four sitting days. The Panel has also spent time on other review related matters, such as holding stakeholder consultation meetings and reviewing papers and submissions.

As of the end of May 2014, \$326,167 has been spent on expenses related to the RET Review, including modelling, travel and Panel member fees.

\$504,062 has been allocated to the RET Review in 2013-14. This does not include salaries of the Secretariat staff. The 2014-15 Budget for the review is being finalised.