

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Xenophon

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**Question:**

**Senator XENOPHON:** Sure. And you made reference in your joint media release that 'the government has finalised a forensic audit to quantify the level of costs and schedule overruns in the air warfare destroyer project'. Can you tell us how big that forensic audit is?

**Senator Cormann:** I would have to take that on notice.

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**Senator XENOPHON:** Can you indicate to this committee, in approximate terms, how big the forensic audit is? You have seen the audit; you have read what you can say are the relevant parts of it. Is it a 10-page document, a 20-page, document a 50-page document?

**Senator Cormann:** ... I will take the question that you have asked on notice, and we will take it from there.

**Answer:**

There are in excess of 400 pages of documents that form part of the forensic audit / comprehensive cost review process.