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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator: Conroy

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Question:

Senator CONROY: Minister, on 3 February last year, 2014 at the keel-laying for the second AWD, the then Minister Johnston said:

I can confirm that the contingency has not been spent already.

So last year, just over 12 months ago, the then minister said the contingency had not been spent. Has the contingency been spent yet?

Senator Cormann: I am not aware of what former Minister Johnston may have said. I will have to take that question on notice.

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Senator Cormann: So to be absolutely clear and put it beyond doubt and in black and white: the \$1.2 billion is the additional funding requirement to complete the AWD project on top of any funding previously provided to the project, including any contingency funding previously provided to the project.

Ms Halton: That is right.

Answer:

Expenditure on the Air Warfare Destroyer Program is a matter for the Department of Defence.