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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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**Question:**

**Senator LUDWIG:** And what is the cost of that?

**Ms Halton:** The cost of which?

**Senator LUDWIG:** The exhibition.

**Mr Sheridan:** I do not have the figure in front of me but I imagine that, as is usual, we will charge the vendors taking place. There will be a cost per booth so we will recover some of the cost as a consequence of that.

**Senator LUDWIG:** If you have got some projected costs, I am happy for you to take that on notice.

**Mr Sheridan:** We will take it on notice.

**Senator LUDWIG:** Include the event hiring, the advertising publication costs and the like.

**Mr Sheridan:** Yes.

**Answer:**

The Whole of Australian Government Travel Services Exhibition is conducted on a cost recovery basis so there is no cost to the Department of Finance. The travel suppliers pay for the cost of their booth and their share of other costs, which is calculated by dividing the total of these costs by the number of suppliers. Other costs primarily consist of venue hire, catering, event coordinator services, and audiovisual equipment. Publication costs are negligible as the Department prepares the flyer and distributes it via email. Costs for the 2015 Travel Services Exhibition are yet to be finalised as suppliers are in the process of confirming their booth selection. As an indication of the amounts involved, the total cost of the 2012 event was approximately \$50,000, all of which was recovered from the participating vendors.