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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas **Question reference number:** 296

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Question:

The total cost of administering the IAS process was more than \$1.7 million as at 9 April 2015, according to the Department. What is the total cost to date?

Answer:

As at 30 September 2015, the total cost of undertaking the IAS administration process is \$2.2 million. This includes specialist services to support the operation of the grant funding round, contract staff to assist with data entry and advertising costs. As the assessment of applications for funding is part of the regular business of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, there is no additional impact on internal staffing costs.