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Senator: Gallacher

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Question:

Senator GALLACHER: Can you give us a baseline to work from? Twelve months ago, what was the mix of permanent workforce and contractors, so that we can get a picture of what is happening? I think what you are saying is that you are moving the workforce to contract.

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Senator Cormann: We can take that on notice.

Mr Lamarre: We can take that on notice, if you would like.

Senator GALLACHER: I am asking the question: is that because you were not there or you do not know?

Mr Lamarre: I just do not happen to have that data in front of me, in terms of what the mix was a year ago.

Senator Cormann: We have taken it on notice, Senator.

Mr Lamarre: We would be happy to give you that information on notice.

Senator GALLACHER: No-one in the room knows that information?

Senator Cormann: We have taken it on notice, Senator Gallacher.

Mr Lamarre: Just to be specific on your question, I think your question was: are we shifting full-time labour to subcontractors? That is not what is happening. We had a strategy initially of around fifty-fifty in terms of percentages of our trades workforce—

Senator GALLACHER: The fundamental issue is that I wanted to know whether or not the workforce was reducing. You said that there is a move to contractors...

Answer:

As at 1 October 2015, ASC Shipbuilding employed 1,366 permanent employees and engaged 457 contractors and subcontractors. As at 1 October 2016, ASC Shipbuilding employed 1,195 permanent employees and engaged 355 contractors and subcontractors. The mix of permanent employees and contractors on the Air Warfare Destroyer Project fluctuates according to operational demands, project schedule and the type of work required to be undertaken.