

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/468) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?

1. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
2. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
3. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item
4. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
5. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.
6. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
7. If yes, for each, who selected them
8. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,
 1. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 2. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 3. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 4. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 5. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur

Answer:

Yes, for the Independent Review of Integrity in the Subclass 457 Programme.

1. Mr John Azarias, Prof Peter McDonald, Ms Katie Malyon, and Ms Jenny Lambert.
2. Not applicable.
3. The total expenditure as at 31 May 2014 for Mr Azarias is \$96 073.24.

This cost is made up of the following:

- sitting fees: \$69 000;
- flights: \$20 891.44;
- accommodation: \$1 203;
- taxi fares/car parking: \$4 090.80; and
- travel allowance: \$888.

The total expenditure as at 31 May 2014 for Prof McDonald is \$30 983.05.

This cost is made up of the following:

- sitting fees: \$14 904;
- flights: \$12 887.14;
- accommodation: \$1 333;
- taxi fares/car parking: \$822.91; and

- travel allowance: \$1 036.

The total expenditure as at 31 May 2014 for Ms Malyon is \$33 374.45.

This cost is made up of the following:

- sitting fees: \$15 028.20;
- flights: \$14 722.40;
- accommodation: \$1 226;
- taxi fares/car parking: \$1 022.02;
- motor vehicle allowance: \$403.50; and
- travel allowance: \$972.33.

The total expenditure as at 31 May 2014 for Ms Lambert is \$21 139.75.

This cost is made up of the following:

- sitting fees: \$9 936;
- flights: \$9 562.85;
- accommodation: \$779;
- taxi fares/car parking: \$417.90; and
- travel allowance: \$444.

Figures are subject to change.

4. The panel members have been appointed to conduct the review.

5. No.

6. The Independent Review panel updated the Assistant Minister's office on several occasions during the review.

7. The panel members were selected by the government in consultation with and following formal advice from the department.

8. Yes.

(1-5). The panel were ministerial appointments. The department's advice was sought and considered in determining the composition and membership of the panel. The Assistant Minister consulted the department on the selection and appointment of the panel members prior to the Assistant Minister's announcement on 25 February 2014.