

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Department of Climate Change
Additional Budget Estimates Hearing–February 2009

Written question reference: CC20

Outcome/Output: Response to climate change

Topic: Cost of Garnaut Review

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Question: (Senator Johnston)

Now that the Garnaut process has been completed, can you please advise what the total cost of the Review was?

- Please provide a final break down of Professor Garnaut's salary, administration and associated costs.
- Was an assessment carried out into the value or conduct of the inquiry?
- What were the results?

Answer:

The administrative process for finalisation of Garnaut Review costs is very close to completion. The total cost to the Commonwealth of the Review was approximately \$2,397,000, with some minor items to be finalised.

- The breakdown of costs in relation to Professor Garnaut is as follows.
 - Salary, superannuation and leave accrued: \$147,264
 - Allowances: \$11,743
 - Travel, communications and administrative costs: \$70,542
- The Government has not carried out an assessment of the value or conduct of the inquiry and does not intend to do so. The research utilised in the Garnaut Review was subject to peer review. The resulting report is regarded internationally as an important contribution to climate change research and policy development.