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**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator:** McKenzie

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**Question:**

**Senator McKENZIE:** Okay. Thank you, I appreciate it. Finally, if I may, I want to go to the shared outcomes trial, which is all about promoting regional development, which has to be a good thing. Could you please briefly comment on the findings of the shared outcome trial?

**Dr Helgeby:** A bit of background: I think you are referring to one of a number of trials, perhaps one in Far North Queensland in particular.

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**Senator McKENZIE:** How many people do you have working on it?

**Dr Helgeby:** Only a couple of people in Finance but it is the agencies on the ground that really do the work.

**Senator McKENZIE:** How many people are working on it in total, then?

**Dr Helgeby:** I would have to take that question on notice.

**Senator McKENZIE:** How much does it cost, both Finance and whole of government?

**Dr Helgeby:** It has been done within existing resources—

**Senator McKENZIE:** But they are resources that could go elsewhere if need be?

**Dr Helgeby:** Yes; I will take that on notice.

**Answer:**

Within the Department of Finance two officers have been involved in work on the trials. Across each of the Commonwealth entities that have participated in the trials, approximately 2-3 officers have been involved from each Commonwealth entity at any one time. The level of input and involvement of these officers varied depending on the specific work being progressed at the time.

The participation by the two officers from the Department of Finance is estimated to be approximately 0.15 of an ASL. Similar levels of staffing resources were provided by the participating Commonwealth entities over the period of the trials. The trials were developed to maximise the integration of the existing work programmes of entities and were therefore organised to be of minimal additional workload for participating entities. The resources could have been directed elsewhere to meet relevant work requirements.