

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Question No. 10

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2009:

For each researcher engaged by the Australian Multicultural Foundation, provide the term, nature, a description and cost of the appointment.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The contracts between AMF and Monash University (Professor Gary Bouma) and between AMF and RMIT University (Professor Des Cahill) were signed in January 2008 and March 2008 respectively, and will expire in February 2010.

The contracts are for a total of \$27,500 (including GST) each. The contracted work is to undertake the research, including national consultations, for the Freedom of Religion and Belief in the 21st Century project, to analyse the data and to prepare a report.