

COMMITTEE INQUIRY QUESTION

(Question No.11)

Senator Marielle Smith asked the Department of Defence, upon notice, on 17 November 2021:

Marielle Smith: I just want to go to the sovereign shipbuilding talent pool. At the last estimates we heard that the funding for that was \$30 million over three months. Obviously, not all the funds needed have yet been expended. How much of that figure, the \$30 million has been spent to date?

Tony Fraser: Senator I don't have that figure immediately in front of me. Someone might, not being called today, I'll see if I can get that before the end of the session.

The Department of Defence has provided the following answer to the Senator's question:

As at 17 November 2021, \$10,432,400 has been paid to ASC for the Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool:

- a) \$10,000,000 for wage related costs which was paid up-front to allow offers of employment to be made, and which will be drawn down as ASC incurs these costs over time; and
- b) \$432,400 for services ASC has performed in establishing and managing the talent pool.