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Dear Ms Palmer

I would like to provide supplementary information for the Question on Notice we submitted for the Inquiry into Digital Delivery of Government Services. The supplementary information will assist the Committee understand in more detail the information we have already provided.

Our updated Question on Notice with supplementary information is attached.

Yours sincerely

Samantha Palmer

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**Senate Standing Committees on Finance and Public Administration**  
**Inquiry into Digital Delivery of Government Services**  
**Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary information:**

The following supplementary information is provided in order to help the Committee understand in more detail the information we have provided.

**Questions:**

Can the ABS provide the following information on the delivery of the 2021 Census?

1. The budget for the project at the time of first approval to proceed?
2. The spend to date on the project?
3. The current approved budget?

**Answers and supplementary information:**

1. **\$474.21m.**

*Supplementary information:* In 2014-15, the agreed allocation for Census program over 5 years (2017-18 to 2021-22) was \$474.21m This amount includes 2016 Census data releases and ongoing user support; the preparation and delivery of the 2021 Census; and the preliminary planning for the 2026 Census.

2. Estimated expenditure on the Census Program as at the end of February 2018 is **\$14.08m.**

*Supplementary information:* The estimated expenditure for 2017-18 on the 2021 Census program as at the end of February 2018 is \$14.08m. The total expenditure, including 2016 Census costs, is \$19.08m.

3. **\$473.06m** as at Pre-ERC 2018-19.