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I would be grateful if you might please bring the attached documents to the attention of the FHS Committee.

They were obtained from the NCETA website @ Flinders University in Adelaide (weblink: http://www.nceta.flinders.edu.au/workforce_development/who_is.html).

Table 5 on Page 255 of the shorter document and Table 1 on Page Xv of the longer document both give the Australian ATODS workforce as 10,190 in about 2002.

This makes my estimate of the ATODS workforce (of 5,000) appear very conservative indeed and thereby effectively doubles the estimates of the financial cost of Harm Minimization to this country significantly above the estimate I made before the committee. Based on a workforce of this size with a full time wage of \$50,000 annually, this would cost \$500,000,000 in wages alone, significantly above the figure of \$250,000,000 in the estimates I provided to the Committee.

Note that this figure appears to EXCLUDE those working in this field based in academic university departments and health departments.

With many thanks,

Stuart Reece