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Topic: Stronger Relationships

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Senator Moore asked:

What are the total costs of administering the trial—staffing, IT, advertising, including level of staff?

Answer:

The estimated cost of the administration of the Stronger Relationships trial is \$2,056,986 including departmental costs of staffing and IT activities, and administered costs of communications and media activities.

Total Estimated Departmental Costs of Administering the Stronger Relationships trial			
	2013-2014	2014-2015	TOTAL
Staffing	\$198,366	\$255,140	\$453,506
IT activities	\$1,225,000	\$68,000	\$1,293,000
TOTAL	\$1,423,366	\$323,140	\$1,746,506

Total Estimated Administered Costs of Administering the Stronger Relationships trial			
	2013-2014	2014-2015	TOTAL
Communications and Media Activities	\$12,138	\$298,342	\$310,480

All departmental costs associated with the Stronger Relationships trial were absorbed by the affected business areas. Estimating these costs is difficult because the trial accounted for only part of the broader responsibilities of affected business areas.

The staffing costs totalling \$453,506 are based on three staff in the policy area who developed and administer the trial. Staff administering the trial were at EL2, APS6 and APS5 levels. Those staff also administer other programmes as well as the trial.