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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Topic: Stronger Relationships

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Senator Moore asked:

The AusTender search that said that the cost of that evaluation was \$578,571.40. Do they get any money out of that for the preparation they put through? Can you take on notice any update on that, rather than asking the same question next time?

Answer:

The Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) at the University of Queensland (UQ) was contracted to conduct the evaluation of the *Stronger Relationships* trial following a competitive selection process using the Department's Social Policy Research and Evaluation Panel.

A total of \$578,571.40 (GST inclusive) was originally contracted to UQ (ISSR) on 29 August 2014 to conduct the *Stronger Relationships* trial evaluation.

The evaluation of the *Stronger Relationships* trial was ceased as a consequence of the cessation of the trial.

In ceasing the evaluation, the Department was liable to pay UQ for the work conducted to date as per the contract deliverables (\$318,575.40 GST inclusive), and reimburse them for any reasonable expenses that UQ unavoidably incurred as a direct result of the termination of the contract (\$130,990.20 GST inclusive).

Taking into account these costs, the final contract value, as now listed on AusTender, is \$449,565.60 (GST inclusive).