

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

**Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017, 6 May 2016**

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**OUTCOME:** 4 - Individual Health Benefits

**Topic:** Medicare Payments Taskforce

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**Senator:** Gallagher, Katy

**Question:**

Senator GALLAGHER: I am trying to understand the process. PWC will provide you advice on the best way to manage the project, the taskforce going forward.

Mr Bowles: Yes.

Senator GALLAGHER: The taskforce will then commence the work based on the advice from PWC and your instruction.

Mr Bowles: Yes. The current project will get us to a point where we will create a submission for government to then say yea, nae or 'Do it somewhere differently.' Once we get a decision from government we will then enact that, and that could be in multiple directions still.

Senator GALLAGHER: Do you have a budget for PWC?

Mr Bowles: I would have to take that on notice, because we are literally only dealing with that this week.

**Answer:**

The contract value with Pricewaterhouse Coopers reported on AusTender is \$4,963,451 (GST inclusive).