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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Are you able to provide a breakdown of all costs associated with your position and the office including wages, office costs, travel and any other experts or professional services that will be purchased?

Mr Dyer: I will refer that question to the secretary, if I may.

Dr de Brouwer: Yes, we can provide all that.

Senator URQUHART: You can provide all that? Thank you. What was the cost of the set-up of the commission?

Mr Dyer: Again, I will defer to the secretary for that question.

Dr de Brouwer: I might ask Dr Dickson.

Dr Dickson: You will see that in additional estimates we have an amount that is supporting the Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee. We can provide you with the details of the various costs according to what you are after. It would probably be easiest to do that on notice.

Answer:

The budget for the Wind Farm Commissioner's Office is detailed below.

This includes budget for the services contract for the Wind Farm Commissioner (\$205,000 per year), other staff costs, travel, IT and office accommodation. A breakdown of costs for the Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee has been answered in the response to the question on page 48 of the Hansard.

2015-16 (\$'000)	2016-17 (\$'000)	2017-18 (\$'000)	2018-19 (\$'000)
438	674	680	238