

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment and Energy portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Senator URQUHART: Can I just clarify something. Mr Archer, I think you said that \$395,000 was for staff and the cost of travel et cetera, for staff. Are there other figures that are attached to that in terms of office rent—a whole range of things? What are the total costs? Do you have that there?

Mr Archer: I would have to take that on notice. I have given you what I have.

**Answer:**

Total expense since creation of the office: \$586,038 (as at 31 October 2016)

- 2015-16 total expenses: \$395,571
  - 2015-16 employee costs: \$216,838
  - 2015-16 supplier costs: \$178,732
    - : \$3,500 – Staff related costs – including security clearances, recruitment expenses
    - : \$8,327 - Travel related costs – includes travel for Commissioner and staff
    - : \$141,130 – Fees and services – includes contract for the Commissioner
    - : \$25,215 – Information communication and technology costs
    - : \$561 – Other expenses.
- 2016-17 expenses year-to-date (as at 31 October 2016): \$190,468
  - 2016-17 Employee costs (as at 31 October 2016): \$100,415
  - 2016-17 Supplier costs (as at 31 October 2016): \$90,052
    - : \$6,907 – Staff related costs – including recruitment expenses
    - : \$4,915 – Travel related costs – includes travel for Commissioner and staff
    - : \$69,914 – Fees and services – includes contract for the Commissioner
    - : \$8,421 – Information communication and technology costs
    - : -\$105 – Other expenses (credit from 2015-16 financial year).
  - Note: all figures above are GST exclusive.  
Note: The department and portfolio agencies provides office accommodation and building services for the National Wind Farm Commissioner.