Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000883

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

CN3294104 Gravity Consulting Pty Ltd for "Infographics describing the new ICT Strategy"

Question

In relation to contract number CN3294104 awarded to Gravity Consulting Pty Ltd for "Infographics describing the new ICT Strategy":

- a. Does that refer to an internal, departmental ICT strategy?
- b. What service did Gravity Consulting provide under this contract? Specifically, did they design an infographic? Did this cover printing costs, or was that an additional expense incurred by the Department? If so, what was the cost?
- c. Where have these infographics been located? How many copies were made?
- d. Please provide images of the infographics referred to in this contract.
- e. Why couldn't the production of an infographic be done in house by the Department?

Answer

- a. The infographics concept has been developed as part of a draft ICT Strategy that will be used both internally and externally with vendors and the sector.
- b. The consultant conducted stakeholder engagement to create a storyboard and infographics concept as part of the ongoing development of a draft ICT Strategy, in line with the whole-of-government digital transformation agenda. No printing costs have been incurred.
- c. As per the contract, only one digital version of the infographics concept has been produced and this is stored internally.
- d. The infographics concept is not finalised and is being further developed in consultation with internal stakeholders.
- e. Because of the skills sets required, it is more efficient and effective for the department to access industry capability to provide this support.