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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Mr Edge: The \$4 million number is right. That was the number that was provided.

Senator McALLISTER: Four million, is it?

Senator Cormann: Four million was the number provided in the budget. We will take on notice how much has actually been allocated.

Senator McALLISTER: I think that would be great. Just so I understand, is it predominantly associated with this review that has been undertaken by KordaMentha, or are there other items associated with the review that would require—

Senator Cormann: I will take on notice the specific contract value of the work that is undertaken by KordaMentha, but overall the allocation to Finance, through the 2015-16 budget process, to conduct this work is \$4 million—that was reflected on page 91 of Budget Paper No. 2—and \$3.5 million of that is in 2015-16. I think that is what you are referring to there, and there is another half a million in 2016-17, which of course has not yet started. That brings us to the \$4 million all up.

Senator McALLISTER: Great. Okay. I am just interested—and I think you have agreed to do this—in understanding what has been spent of that so far—what components of the expenditure for that review.

Senator Cormann: Yes.

Answer:

At the end of January 2016, expenditure related to the work undertaken by KordaMentha was \$763,505.00.