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Senator: Wong, Penny

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Question:

Ms Owens: We undertook an independent audit of the company and the production costs of generating the dataset. We are complete satisfied that it does take that amount of money to generate the dataset.

Senator WONG: Who did the independent audit?

Ms Owens: A local company called Synergy.

Senator WONG: How was that contract entered into? Was there a tender process?

Ms Owens: That is correct.

Senator WONG: Limited?

Ms Owens: A limited tender process.

Senator WONG: How much did we pay Synergy to do this?

Ms Owens: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator WONG: Okay. Are you able to provide the audit report?

Answer:

The cost of the financial audit conducted by Synergy was \$23,892 (GST inclusive).

After assessing our ability to provide the financial audit report we have determined that it is commercial-in-confidence and can therefore not be provided.