

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

**Senator WONG:** I want to ask a follow-up question if I may. Mr Edge, are you able to give us an indication of how many external contracts—contracts with external advisers or service providers—and their cost to date since the change of government have been entered into in relation to the AWD project?

**Mr Edge:** We would have to take that question on notice.

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**Ms Halton:** Senator, let us come back with a proper answer on this question.

**Senator WONG:** That is fine. I am actually just trying to get the who clarified. I appreciate you want to put it on notice and give me more detail.

**Answer:**

There are two Advisers contracted directly to Finance in relation to the Air Warfare Destroyer Reform Strategy. Greenhill & Co. Australia commenced on 16 June 2014 as the commercial adviser to the Air Warfare Destroyer Taskforce, and has a contract value of \$4,850,000. Ashurst Australia commenced on 16 June 2014 as the legal adviser to the Air Warfare Destroyer Taskforce, and has a contract value of \$3,643,000.

Separately, the Department of Defence contracted Professor Donald Winter, assisted by Dr John White, on 24 February 2014 to conduct an independent review into the performance of the Air Warfare Destroyer Program at a cost of \$283,000. The Department of Defence also contracted First Marine International on 2 February 2015 to provide professional advice around the Comprehensive Cost Review / Forensic Audit with a contract value of \$170,008.