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TOPIC: Steel Transformation Plan

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QUESTION No.: AI-22

Senator BUSHBY: I have some questions of AusIndustry. I want to go to the answer provided to question on notice No. SI-105 from the October estimates. Do you have a copy of that there?

Ms Butler: I am just getting it, thank you.

Senator BUSHBY: I might wait till you get it, because it refers to the question to some extent.

Ms Butler: I have so many folders, so I had to have a spare!

Senator BUSHBY: I understand. It would be a lot easier if you knew exactly what we were going to ask and you could bring along exactly what you needed!

Ms Butler: So, this is the rather large response about the Clean Technology Innovation Program and the Clean Technology Investment Program?

Senator BUSHBY: That is correct, yes.

Ms Butler: I think I might get my general manager specialist colleague to join me.

Senator BUSHBY: Absolutely. Having added up the figures provided in parts 10 and 12 of that answer, can I confirm that at least \$262,260 has been spent on the training of staff who are working specifically on the carbon tax compensation programs?

Dr Edwards: I have not added up those columns but, if that is what it adds up to, then yes.

Senator BUSHBY: Is that a full representation of the training—it doesn't understate the figure in any shape or form? There is no other training that may have been applied to staff in that area?

Dr Edwards: There is a significant amount of other training that does not cost us money, and that comes by way of more experienced staff passing on information and training in the new processes of launching new large programs like this.

Senator BUSHBY: Okay—others that do not cost money, but if it costs money then it is included in that?

Ms Butler: Yes, we were very careful to make sure we captured all the costs in that response.

Senator BUSHBY: Does it include staff that work on the administration and delivery of the so-called Steel Transformation Plan?

Dr Edwards: No, Senator; this was not about the Steel Transformation Plan, to my knowledge.

Senator BUSHBY: So it does not include that?

Ms Butler: No, the question was for the Clean Technology Investment Program, the Clean Technology Innovation Program and the Clean Technology Food and Foundries Program, so it does not capture those costs.

Senator BUSHBY: Would you mind taking on notice the same question for that area as well.

Ms Butler: We will do that for you, Senator.

ANSWER

No training was undertaken.