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QUESTION No. B1 - 95

Senator CARR—As I understand it, in the department's reports there has been some \$337,000 spent on consultancies in terms of access to premises standards.

Mr Donaldson—No. My recollection is that that is an annual figure for 2005-06. The funding involved in this program would be far larger than that. I can provide it if you wish.

Senator CARR—How much larger would it be?

Mr Donaldson—It would certainly exceed \$2 million.

Senator CARR—Are you sure?

Mr Donaldson—I have not got the numbers in front of me, but I am happy to provide them.

Senator CARR—I appreciate the advice.

ANSWER:

The amount spent in the program year to 29 May 2006 on consultancies in relation to the development of the disability access standard was \$337,000, inclusive of in-house costs. The figure spent on consultancies in the program year to 28 May 2007 was \$481,606.

The total amount spent on the entire program from 2001 to 28 May 2007, including direct administrative and staff salary costs, was \$1,930,709.