

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**QUESTION No.** BI-97

**Senator ABETZ**—Of course it is now, and I would have thought very satisfactory to Dr Cutler, because we have \$8,000 that has been taken on notice in this contract. We will undoubtedly find out what that was paid

for, given that it is on the website at \$280,000, not \$272,000.

**Mr Paterson**—I am not sure that we did take that on notice. But I am happy to do that now.

**Senator ABETZ**—Can you please take it on notice, unless you have an explanation for us now?

**Mr Paterson**—I will endeavour to get an explanation for you while we are having this conversation.

**Senator ABETZ**—Or was it the little bonus in relation to IP that helped resolve and smooth certain things?

**Mr Paterson**—No, there was no little bonus in relation to issues, and we do not do that. I do not like the suggestion. We have indicated to you what the maximum payment—

**Senator ABETZ**—If you do not —

**Mr Paterson**—I will provide you with an explanation as to why we have published \$280,000. I said I am happy to take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

The figure reported on Austender (\$280,000) was an estimate made to allow for Dr Cutler's daily rate (\$2,000 per day) multiplied by the estimated days of service to 31 July 2008 (ie 124) plus GST (\$272,000). A further amount (\$8000) was included in the purchase order to allow for a limited extension of the contract. Dr Cutler's contract provides for an extension beyond 31 July 2008 if required and provision for a limited amount of post 31 July 2008 work has been made.