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Senator RYAN: I will now turn to the small business resource kit that was also recently announced. This was funded by, I understand, general revenue in the department. Do you have a cost for it?

Mr Cicchini: The small business resource kit is a USB drive toolkit with documents on it and various links. The cost of loading the USB drive and the purchase of the USB drive was probably in the order of \$50,000. I do not have the precise amount, but it is in that range, because I remember signing the contract for it. There are, of course, indirect costs associated with any publications. That includes staffing, checking documents, preparing documents, loading them on the website et cetera, which of course are not included in that figure.

Senator RYAN: No, I appreciate that. Can you take on notice the figure and just provide me on notice whatever the figure was for the contract for the provision of this USB stick.

Mr Cicchini: I am happy to do that.

ANSWER

The value of the contract for the provision of USB drive sticks containing the Small Business Resource Kit was \$43,100.00 (GST exclusive).