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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION

TOPIC: CoSolve Contract.

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1) Senator LUDLAM: So tell us about the CoSolve contract. What cost is that to ANSTO?

Dr Paterson: The contract is still under negotiation and we will provide information on notice in relation to that.

2) Senator LUDLAM: Dr Paterson, just fill out some of the details of what CoSolve is doing when you plan to have your negotiations concluded with them?

Dr Paterson: I would prefer not to describe the process in detail because it is being handled by the people in ANSTO Health, and I do not think that it is appropriate to deal in detail with staffing matters where there may be implications for different staff members. But what we will provide is background on the scope of the work and the cost.

Senator LUDLAM: What I am interested to know is precisely what their mandate is on your safety journey. How long they will be engaged for and at what cost to ANSTO.

Dr Paterson: We will take that on notice.

ANSWER

CoSolve's mandate is to review and provide input into ANSTO Health's workplace, in a way in which relationships between staff and between staff, management and unions are enhanced, and any issues are addressed in a co-operative and collaborative environment. They will be engaged for a period of around six weeks at a cost of \$20,000.