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Senator BUSHBY asked:

Senator BUSHBY—My other question probably is relevant to you, and that is: how much has been spent on Operation Sunlight to date?

Mr Ray—Again, that is a question for the department of finance, I would have thought.

Senator Sherry—The finance minister is actually the responsible minister for Operation Sunlight.

Senator BUSHBY—But the spending on it is a fiscal expenditure of government?

Senator Sherry—Yes, but the expenditure is within the finance department, so that is an issue for finance.

Mr Ray—I will take it on notice for you. It is not the right estimates, but I will still take it on notice and pass it on to finance.

Answer:

The below response was provided to Treasury by the Financial Management Group, Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The estimated cost incurred by the Department of Finance and Deregulation for the development and implementation of Operation Sunlight from March 2008 to November 2009 is \$2.9 million (inclusive of GST).