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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

MC at Commonwealth Youth Forum

Senator McKENZIE: I am now going to the tender for the MC at the Commonwealth Youth Forum. My first question would be: who was the master of ceremonies at the Commonwealth Youth Forum? Mr Davies: I may not have that level of detail with me. I do not think I do. I will have to take it on notice. Senator McKENZIE: That is fine. Take it on notice the services that they provided and who they were. Were travel costs to Perth included in the contract price, and how many different events did the MC preside over, because at \$13,000 it is a nice little earner?

Answer

The Master of Ceremonies (MC) for the Opening Ceremony at the Commonwealth Youth Forum on Monday 24 October 2011 was Ms Myf Warhurst.

Ms Warhurst provided MC services at the Opening Ceremony for the Commonwealth Youth Forum.

These services included her attendance at the Opening Ceremony rehearsal on Sunday 23 October 2011. During the Opening Ceremony Ms Warhurst welcomed the delegates and introduced guest speakers including the Prime Minister of Australia, the Commonwealth Secretary General, the Minister for Youth, the Chair of the Planning Group and the Pan Commonwealth Youth Caucus Chair. Ms Warhurst's responsibilities also included introducing the Welcome to Country and the entertainment during the event.

The Opening Ceremony was attended by approximately 300 people including 130 youth forum delegates, the Commonwealth Deputy Secretary General, the WA Minister for Youth and the Parliamentary Secretary for the WA Premier. Local and international media also attended the event.

Ms Warhurst's travel costs to Fremantle, Western Australia were included in her fee.