

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No. EW0155_10

Senator Mason asked on 1 June 2009, EEWWR Hansard page 7.

Question

Purpose of the ITSG "Town Meeting" held at the Ainslie Football Club

Senator MASON—Yes. If you could do that, that would be great—and also the services and who the directors are. Another contract, 177768: 'A town hall meeting' at the Ainslie Football Club—attracted my interest. What was that for? Mr McDonald, is that yours?

Mr McDonald—That would be a meeting of our IT staff in one place. We had to hire a venue big enough for the IT staff, so that is what that would be. The actual cost of it, I am not sure whether—

Senator MASON—I can tell you that. It was \$10,000.

Mr McDonald—I would have to check whether that was the actual cost, but it would have been a meeting to discuss the priorities for the IT group for the next period of time.

Senator MASON—Priorities for the IT group?

Mr McDonald—Yes, it is to bring them together. They are a big group.

Senator MASON—Sure. And \$10,000 would have covered what? The venue?

Mr McDonald—Yes, it would have been, I imagine, either a half day or a full day. We can get the detail for you.

Answer

The purpose of the "Town Meetings" is to bring all IT staff together to discuss IT priorities and directions and report on progress of key initiatives. The contract covered hire of facilities, eg rooms, audio visual equipment and light refreshments.