

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No. EW0437_12

Senator Ronaldson asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 86.

Question

Review of Indigenous Higher Education

Senator RONALDSON: What is the budget, Minister, for this review committee's work—travel budget, staff et cetera?

Mr Griew: It would be—the money is set aside in the department's budget for it. How much it will cost will depend on the amount of travel largely. We can give you an estimate of the amount of travel and the costs that will be associated with that plus the sitting days.

Ms Paul: We will take it on notice.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has provided the following response.

In 2010-2011, the Review Panel met twice, held two consultations with universities and held one stakeholder workshop. The total sitting fees paid for 2010-2011 was \$6 055, while travel costs (including airfares, travel allowance, transfers and accommodation) totaled \$9 040.

In 2011-2012, DEEWR has estimated the following costs:

Sitting fees for panel members	\$120,958
Travel costs	\$167,040
Commissioned research and evaluation costs	\$140,000
Survey costs	\$375,000
Logistical costs (venues, signage, report printing, consumables)	\$375,000
Total	\$1,177,998

This estimate is based on the following:

- 8 Review Panel meetings
- 50 university consultations (senior faculty, Indigenous Education Unit's and students)
- 30 non-university consultations (key community stakeholders, Indigenous stakeholder organizations etc)
- 5 key stakeholder workshops
- 10 concept testing focus group meetings