

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0383\_13**

**Senator Mason asked on 31 May 2012 , Hansard page 21**

**Question**

**Cost of Gonski review and associated processes**

Senator MASON: I now briefly turn the committee and Ms Paul to the cost of the Gonski review and associated processes. I understand that a new working group was convened in April this year and will consider the findings and recommendations of the Gonski review in relation to capital funding for Australian schools. What will be the cost of servicing this new group in terms of remuneration, venue hire for meetings, flights, accommodation, catering et cetera, the costs of consultants to undertake work and any other associated costs? Do we know that? Mr Cook: We will take it on notice but a number of groups are existing groups, particularly falling under the Strategic Policy Working Group. States and territories fund their own participation in those groups.

Senator MASON: I understand that. I am going to maintenance, minor capital works, infrastructure spending, matched infrastructure spending with the needs of schools through planning— Ms Paul: A lot of areas where he said more work needed to be done. We can get you the travel costs and so on. We can get that to you on notice.

**Answer**

The Capital Working Group was established under the auspices of the Strategic Policy Working Group.

The Capital Working Group had their first meeting on 26 April 2012 at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices.

DEEWR incurred costs totalling \$4,361. A breakdown of the costs is provided below.

Travel	\$3,027
Accommodation	\$864
Catering on the day	\$470
Venue Hire	Nil

States and territories and the non-government sector funded their own participation in this group.

The Capital Working Group has not commissioned any work from consultants.