

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E820_06

Senator Wong asked on 2 November 2005, EWRE Hansard page 9 and 13, and provided in writing.

Refers to DEST QON's E484_05 and E534_05.

Question:

Regarding the following consultancy: PRN03521 Contract No: 2789

The Social Research Centre Pty Ltd - Survey of New Apprenticeship outcomes - \$41,230

- (a) What specifically were they asked to do?
- (b) What did they produce?
- (c) Is this an extension of Contract 2789 listed in the 2003-04 DEST Annual report, valued at \$242,735 or part of the original terms of the contract?
- (d) If an extension was negotiated, what were the terms?
- (e) When was the extension made?
- (f) What did the Social Research Centre produce?
- (g) What was the total value of Contract 2789?

Answer:

Social Research Centre Pty Ltd

- (a) As part of the overall New Apprenticeships Outcomes short term survey, The Social Research Centre was asked to increase sample size, increase number of Interview questions and add response maximisation techniques.
- (b) They produced survey responses data used in the compilation of the *Skills at Work* report and to inform ongoing programme monitoring and Survey Methodological Reports for each collection.
- (c) It is part of the contract valued at \$242,735. There was variation to the contract valued at \$72,948 inclusive of GST; this brought the total contract value to \$242,735.
- (d) The terms of the variation were for the consultant to increase sample size, increase number of Interview questions and add response maximisation techniques.
- (e) The extension was finalised in May 2004.

(f) They produced survey responses data used in the compilation of the *Skills at Work* report and to inform ongoing programme monitoring and Survey Methodological Reports for each collection.

(g) The total value of the contract was \$242,735 inclusive of GST.