

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: PM39**

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**Topic: Australia Day awards**

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**Senator Faulkner asked: Australia Day awards – what is the name of the staging company and what were the costs involved?**

**Answer:** The Australian of the Year awards programme for 2003 was managed on behalf of the National Australia Day Council by the contractor Movers 'n' Shakers Australia Pty Limited. The national presentation ceremony was produced by Seven Network (Operations) Limited.

The total budget for staging the awards presentation ceremony was in the order of \$374,000. This included: the costs of the announcement concert (theatre costs, talent, direction/coordination fees and lighting/sound/audio visual), travel and accommodation for Board members and staff, and finalists/recipients, printing of programs and other incidental costs. This does not include in-kind support from sponsors.