

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Future Fund Management Agency

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Other expenses

**Senator:** Cormann

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**Question:**

**Senator CORMANN:** You have a category 'other expenses', which you report is about \$18 million. Can you give us a breakdown of other expenses.

**Mr Burgess:** Sure. I may have to take part of that on notice, but I can give you a breakdown of two components. One is a Timberlands holding where the expenses of the management company—and this is highly unusual actually coming through the accounts—it is an accounting issue, but that is no longer held in the fund. The second is a property investment which has the same characteristics, and that also came through the fund. Roughly, adding those two together is about \$6.7 million of the \$18 million of which \$12 million is expenses within the agency; that might be from consulting, for example, IT costs, legal fees perhaps. What I can do is take that on notice and provide you with more information.

**Answer:**

Alongside the timberland and property investments detailed above, the 'other expenses' line, totalling some \$12.2 million, is primarily related to:

- IT costs, professional services, such as internal audit fees, tax, accounting and legal fees, and subscriptions to economic and financial databases and information sources (\$7 million); and
- travel costs, property operating costs, office running costs, insurance and recruitment and other HR costs (\$5.2 million).