

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing – October 2006

Question: F14

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Topic: Consultancy

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Senator Faulkner asked:

The dollar figure would be useful, but I would be interested in knowing precisely what the contractual responsibilities are of this particular group. Are you able to tell the committee what the contractual obligations of Heaney Blaylock and Associates are to MAPS? Can you do that?

Answer:

As advised to the Committee at the hearing on 31 October 2006 by Ms Clarke (Hansard page F&PA 33) the description of the consultancy is: provision of advice relating to the employment framework for staff of senators and members.

Heaney Blaylock and Associates were engaged to provide independent and specialised workplace relations advice during the negotiations and certification of the next Members of Parliament (Staff) Collective Agreement.