

**Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and Agencies**

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 31 October, 2006

**Question: HS8**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Centrelink - Contract for Peter Kennedy**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Hansard**

**SENATOR WONG** asked on 31/10/2006:

[In relation to 2005-06 Centrelink contract/s to Peter Kennedy for Ethics Strategy]

Mr Whalan—There actually were two separate work orders. There were three all up. This is the first of two work orders within that \$75,000 figure. It is approximately \$75,000.

Senator WONG—Is the second work order identified in the annual report?

Mr Whalan—I do not believe so. I will need to confirm for you the date of the second work order.

Senator WONG—I understand what you were disclosing here, though, is not payment; it is the value of contracts let in that financial year. So either \$75,000 should have been disclosed or two lots of \$38,720 and then the remainder, which is \$32,000, should have been disclosed.

Mr Whalan—I will need to confirm that for you.

**Answer:**

The value of the second work order was not identified in the 2005-06 Annual Report as it was not initiated until 1 August 2006. It will be captured in reporting of consultancy information in 2006 - 07.

The second work order was reported on AusTender on 11 September 2006. The contract end date for this work order was shown as '30 June 2006' which was incorrect.

The correct date of '30 September 2006' has now been reflected on AusTender.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 hours and 16 minutes at an estimated cost of \$135.