

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Question No. 2

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 8 February 2010:

Regarding the Freedom of Religion and Belief in the 21st Century project:

- a. Please provide a detailed breakdown of all expenditure to date and any further anticipated expenditure.
- b. What payments have been made or will be made in relation to the preparation of the 11 supplementary papers?
- c. Which of these supplementary papers have been completed to date? For any not yet completed, when are they expected to be completed?
- d. What is the anticipated date for publication of the final report of this project?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

a. Project expenditure to date is as follows:

Expense	Amount
Original contract with the Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF)	\$190,000
Variation in AMF contract for editing and design of final report	\$12,000
Indigenous spirituality supplementary paper	\$30,000
Religion and the arts supplementary paper	\$28,727
Administrative costs, including steering committee meetings and travel	\$7,826
Advertising the national call for submissions in national media	\$6,978
Demographic analysis of submissions supplementary paper	\$6,900
Gender paper supplementary paper	\$6,000
Global peace supplementary paper	\$5,000
Design and printing of the discussion paper	\$3,349
Discussion paper launch in Canberra on 17 September 2008	\$1,642
Total	\$298,422

It is anticipated there will be additional expenses in the following four months for publication of the final report, and the report launch.

b. The Commission has contracted authors for five of the supplementary papers. The total amounts for these papers are:

Paper	Amount (excl GST)
Indigenous spirituality	\$30,000
Religion and the arts	\$28,727
Demographic analysis of submissions	\$6,900
Gender paper	\$6,000
Global peace	\$5,000

Additional payments for the two law supplementary papers and the role of multi-faith dialogue in countering terrorism paper were made by the Australian Multicultural Foundation from within their existing contract.

c. The Commission has received first drafts from six of the supplementary paper authors. These authors are Anna Halafoff, Professor Carolyn Evans, Professor Lynette Sheridan-Burns, Dr Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, Sister Trish Madigan and Ghena Krayem. The Commission expects to receive final drafts of all supplementary papers by April 2010.

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