

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
CRIMTRAC

Question No. 109

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 27 May 2009:

Provide relevant particulars regarding the Donald Cant Watts Corke Pty Ltd consultancy for a new office fit-out. Can a copy of the report be provided to the Committee? If not, provide an executive summary of the report. Provide the key terms and conditions of the lease.

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

Donald Cant Watts Corke (ACT) Pty Ltd

The following is an Executive Summary of the work undertaken by Donald Cant Watts Corke Pty Ltd.

Donald Cant Watts Corke (ACT) Pty Ltd is a quantity surveying company engaged to provide cost planning and quality assurance in regard to the fitout of 496 Northbourne Avenue Dickson. Among the company's tasks were:

- Production of a project budget and monitoring of expenditure against project schedule and milestones.
- Review and approve all trade packages from the Construction Project Manager (Isis Projects Pty Ltd) to provide increased quality assurance to CrimTrac.
- Review scope of works and pricing structure for Architect Services and other consultant fees (i.e. electrical, mechanical, hydraulic fire and access).
- Provide advice to CrimTrac on any procurement in relation to the fitout valued at \$80,000 or greater.
- Provide advice on validity of progress payment and variation claims by the Construction Project Manager and sub-contractors.
- General technical and industry specific advice.
- Attend Project Control Group meetings as required.

The value of the contract was \$31,680.00 including GST

Lease of 496 Northbourne Avenue

The lease agreement is between 496 Dickson Pty Limited and the Commonwealth of Australia represented by CrimTrac. CrimTrac is the sole lessee of the building. The lease on 496 Northbourne Avenue is until August 2018, based on the initial two year lease until 24 August 2010 and the eight year option. There is a further option for five years from 2018 to 2023. Annual rental is currently \$1,432,714, excluding GST (\$1,575,985.40, including GST). Rent may be varied on the Anniversary Date of the lease. Net lettable area of the building is 3872.2 square metres.