

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 1

Corporate

Question No. 161

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October:

- a) What are the total quantifiable costs incurred by the government on work associated with the Brumby Anti-Dumping Review?
- b) What is the total quantifiable expenditure on travel undertaken by Mr Brumby and any support staff for work associated with the Review? Include a breakdown of travel class, reasons for travel, mode of travel etc.
- c) What is the total expenditure on administrative costs associated with the Review?
- d) What is the total number of Customs' staffing establishment (ASL) dedicated to supporting or working on the Review? Are there any other departments/agencies offering support or assistance? If so, how many employees (ASL) are assigned or have been assigned to working or supporting the Review? Detail in what capacity these employees have supported or worked on the Review.
- e) On what date was Mr Brumby formally approached to undertake the Review, and by whom? Detail method of correspondence i.e. letter, email.
- f) Regarding the Review's Terms of Reference, who ultimately decided the Terms and References, and on what date?
- g) Have all formal submission received regarding the Review been uploaded to the Review's website? If not, what number of submission received have not been uploaded and why?
- h) Please detail the total number of hours Mr Brumby has dedicated to working on the Review to date? Has there been any form of remuneration or benefits of any kind provided to Mr Brumby for his work on the Review? If so, detail the total amount Mr Brumby has received and the details of any goods/benefits.

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

- a) The total cost for work associated with the Brumby Review is \$281,816.92 (inc GST). A detailed breakdown of costs is provided at **Attachment A**.
- b) A total of \$10,450.52 (inc GST) was spent on airfares for Mr Brumby's travel associated with the Review. Mr Brumby's airfares were to attend meetings with the Secretariat in Canberra and meet with stakeholders in Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra. Mr Brumby's flights were business class.

A total of \$2,452.13 (inc GST) was spent on taxi and car hire costs for Mr Brumby. These costs were associated with Mr Brumby attending meetings in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

A total of \$4,029.36 (inc GST) was spent on airfares for the Review Secretariat. These airfares were to attend meetings in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. All flights were economy class.

A total of \$1,165.71 (inc GST) was spent on taxi services by the Review Secretariat to attend meetings in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne.

- c) Refer to the spread sheet at **Attachment A**.
- d) A Secretariat was established to support Mr Brumby to undertake the Review. The Secretariat was located within the Attorney-General's Department. One officer from the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service was seconded to the Secretariat. Three officers from the Attorney-General's Department were also seconded to the Secretariat. The four officers who made up the Review Secretariat worked fulltime on the Review for its duration. Staffing costs were met through existing departmental funds.
- e) Mr Brumby was formally engaged via a letter of appointment signed by the Minister for Home Affairs and Justice on 3 July 2012. A contract between Mr Brumby and the Attorney-General's Department was signed on 26 July 2012.
- f) The Minister for Home Affairs and Justice finalised the Terms of Reference on 3 July 2012.
- g) Nine out of 44 submissions received were not posted on the website. This resulted because the relevant submission was either deemed confidential by the participant or else the submission was provided in hardcopy or PDF only and the Secretariat was consequently unable to comply with accessibility requirements and provide material in two formats. Clear guidance was provided on the Review website about acceptable formats for submissions to facilitate easy and open access to submissions.
- h) Mr Brumby worked a total of 160 hours on the Review. Mr Brumby entered into a contract with the Attorney-General's Department on 26 July 2012. In accordance with the contract Mr Brumby has been paid a total of \$66,000 (inc GST).

Brumby Anti-Dumping Review Costs

Review Secretariat Costs	
Staff	191,674.00
Travel Allowance	766.91
Accommodation	457.50
Car/Taxi Hire	1,165.71
Airfares	4,029.36
Publications	1,788.11
Meeting Room Hire	2,400.76
Meeting Catering	297.82
Total	<u>202,580.17</u>
John Brumby's Costs	
Consultancy Fees	66,000.00
Accommodation	334.10
Airfares	10,450.52
Car/Taxi Hire	2,452.13
Total	<u>79,236.75</u>
Grand Total	<u>281,816.92</u>