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Senator NASH asked:

Senator NASH: And what is the remaining \$0.18 million allocated to?

Ms Ekelund: It is general operational. We have a very, very modest consultancy budget. But it is mainly services like proofreading our publications and limited print runs on our publications, as well as some staff development and travel.

Senator NASH: Why do you need a proofreader? Why do you need to outsource for a proofreader?

Ms Ekelund: It is a standard approach. We have an editor who looks at the document to make sure it is of a high professional standard.

Senator NASH: But haven't you retained really, really smart people who did not want to move to Canberra, and they were so good you had to keep them? They cannot proofread?

Mr Mrdak: I think Ms Ekelund is talking more generally about not just proofreading but the whole printing preparation process.

Senator NASH: I understand that, but what component of that goes on proofreading?

Mr Mrdak: A very small component?

Senator NASH: How much is pretty small?

Mr Mrdak: I think it is part of the print-setting for the publication of documents. I will take that on notice, but it is not a large amount, and it is part of the publication—

Answer:

Proof reading services are provided as part of the print setting for publications.