

Question on notice no. 166

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2018-19 Budget estimates

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee, Defence Portfolio

Senator Lee Rhiannon: asked the Australian War Memorial on 30 June 2018—

Senator RHIANNON: Dr Nelson, I want to ask some questions about sponsorship and financial contributions. Can you provide the committee with a total figure for the value of contributions that the Australian War Memorial received from military and defence firms in the year to date?

Senator Payne: On notice, Senator?

Senator RHIANNON: Considering the issue has been in the news quite a bit, I was hoping that the staff may have those figures. If not, it can go on notice. But I was hoping that it would be available.

Senator Payne: I'm not sure if it is totalled, Senator. Perhaps the AWM can take the total on notice for you.

Senator RHIANNON: Did you have anything, Dr Nelsen, or do you want to take it on notice?

Dr Nelson: Senator Rhiannon, we're happy to be as helpful as we possibly can, and we will certainly take it on notice and give you a detailed response. Only a week ago we announced a three-year continued funding program from Lockheed Martin, which is \$375,000. Thales Australia has committed \$30,000 to support the Napier Waller veterans art prize. Kynetic is providing \$100,000 of in-kind support to help the engineering and scoping for the preservation and conservation of our large technology objects, which are in our Mitchell storage facility. Leidos Australia-

Senator RHIANNON: Sorry, which one was that?

Dr Nelson: Leidos Australia-which does a lot of work in the defence space and in the civilian space and for government departments, such as the Department of Human Services-has signed a partnership with us for three years for \$450,000 to provide a virtual reality tour of five large technology objects. These are our Mark IV tank-our First World War tank-our G for George Lancaster bomber in Anzac Hall; the Lockheed Hudson bomber, which you would have seen at the Canberra Airport; the bridge of HMAS Sydney IV; and also the inside of a Bushmaster. As a consequence of that support, what we are now building with the support of Leidos is the capacity for people to do a tour of the inside of these large objects. The narration-where they are still alive, of course-is going to be provided by men and women who actually served in these particular objects as a way of describing it to visitors. By the way, the target is principally young people learning about these objects. They are just some, but I'll respond on notice in detail.

Senator RHIANNON: Thank you, if you could take that on notice. Could you also provide the figure for the 2015-16 financial year and 2016-17? Also, could you break that down by company for the last three financial years? Moving on, how much private sponsorship does the government expect the War Memorial to source each year?

Answer —

1. Can you provide the committee with a total figure for the value of contributions that the Australian War Memorial received from military and defence firms in the year to date?

\$575,979.36

2. Could you also provide the figure for the 2015-16 financial year and 2016-17?

2015-16: \$363,594.40; 2016-17: \$331,900.00

3. Could you break that down by company for the last three financial years?

| Company | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 YTD | Total |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| BAE Systems Australia | \$75,000.00 | \$0 | \$75,000.00 | \$150,000.00 |
| Boeing | \$138,594.40 | \$131,900.00 | \$62,343.00 | \$332,837.40 |
| Leidos Australia* | \$0 | \$0 | \$175,000.00 | \$175,000.00 |
| Lockheed Martin Australia | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$213,636.36 | \$413,636.36 |
| Polaris Industries | \$0 | \$0 | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| Thales Australia | \$50,000.00 | \$100,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$180,000.00 |
| Total | \$363,594.40 | \$331,900.00 | \$575,979.36 | \$1,271,473.76 |

*Note Leidos Australia is a defence, government and private enterprise supplier being a global leader in the integration and application of information technology, engineering, and science to solve their customers' most demanding challenges.