

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Agency: ARC**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000007**

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 42.

***ARC - CEO remuneration***

**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: How much is the CEO to be paid?

Senator Birmingham: On that matter, unless somebody has the figure at the table, we may have to take that on notice.

Ms Harvey: Under the Remuneration Tribunal there is a specific band that it is paid within. There is a band involved in that.

Senator KIM CARR: What is the band?

Ms Harvey: I do not have that figure in front of me. I would have to go off memory.

Senator KIM CARR: Surely it is not too difficult for an officer to tell you that.

Ms Harvey: Yes. We can get that for you.

Senator KIM CARR: Does someone else have that figure here?

Ms Harvey: I do not have it behind me. We could take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: I am actually interested in getting it now. I do not think it is a difficult piece of information to extract from the system. So, if there is someone who could find that. My recollection here was that the old rate was \$580,302. Certainly that was the amount published in the annual report in 2013-14. Where would I find the equivalent figure in today's annual report?

Ms Harvey: I would query that amount, because of the band under the Remuneration Tribunal. From memory, the current upper band of that is about \$470,000, but that is what we will clarify.

Senator KIM CARR: So, my information is wrong?

Ms Harvey: I am not saying it is wrong. It depends on what is included in that. What year was it in?

Senator KIM CARR: 2013-14. That is the annual report figure.

Ms Harvey: Yes, but there might have been a transition period with regard to the changeover of CEOs back then, if I think about Professor Sheil and Professor Byrne.

Senator KIM CARR: So, you will be able to confirm for me what the figure was for that time if you are challenging the number I have given?

Ms Harvey: Yes, and what it included.

Senator KIM CARR: If it is higher than that, what else is included in the stated figure in the annual report?

Ms Harvey: Yes. I am happy to do that.

## **Answer**

*The Australian Research Council (ARC) has provided the following response.*

- The ARC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is remunerated as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. Information can be found at [www.remtribunal.gov.au](http://www.remtribunal.gov.au).
- Information on executive salaries is provided annually in the ARC's Annual Report. This information for 2015–16 period is on page 145.