SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Question No. 2

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

Senator BARNETT—Moving on, the cost per completed application finalised with a hearing has increased almost \$1,000 from your first estimate in May... And how much extra is it? Have you done that analysis?... Can you take it on notice and let us know? **Mr Kellow**—Yes.

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

The estimated cost of an application finalised with a hearing in 2010/11 has increased by \$950 from the PBS figure of \$13,055 to the PAES figure of \$14,005.

The increase in the estimated cost reflects the increase in member's remuneration resulting from the Remuneration Tribunal Determinations 2010/12 and 2010/21, and an internal adjustment of the funds allocated to part-time members and associated support costs following the Tribunal's mid-year budget review.