

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Watt

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Question:

Senator WATT: I'm not sure if anyone else has seen it, but I'd find it helpful if a list of all these other people who are appended to the commission could be tabled, and if we could be advised whether any of them are paid, and what conflict of interest processes they have to follow.

Mr Harris: I'm sure we can do that because, as I said, they're all volunteers.

Answer:

See answer to Question on Notice 0006 for membership of working groups.

The Hon Jennifer Acton is currently contracted to the Commission as part of the Industrial Relations Working Group and is paid an hourly rate of \$200 on an ad hoc basis up to a maximum of two days per week. See answer to Question on Notice 0027 for contract details. No other individuals are paid in their capacity as a working group member.

Members of the Industrial Relations Working Group and Mr Andrew Liveris in his role as Special Adviser to the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission have signed interest disclosure statements given their particular status and the heightened risk of perceived conflict. Other members of the Manufacturing Taskforce and members of the Not-for-Profit Working Group have not been asked to sign disclosure statements. Refer to Question on Notice 0011.

The arrangements for managing the potential for conflicts of interest relating to members of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission are detailed in the answer to Question on Notice 0003.