

Senate Select Committee on COVID-19

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Siewert

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Question:

- a. How much is each member of the NCCC paid and how is this figure determined?
- b. Is Peter Harris, or any company Peter Harris is involved with, receiving payment for his work on the NCCC?

Answer:

- a. The Chair is receiving \$267,345 plus GST. This is not a salary but is intended to cover the cost of Mr Power's flights, accommodation and other incidental travel costs in his role as National COVID-19 Coordination Commission Chair over a period of six months. In developing and executing Mr Power's contract, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (the Department) estimated travel to and from Canberra valued at approximately \$6,000 per return trip each week, \$350 per night for accommodation and incidentals such as food and taxis, and additional extra expenses set to be incurred from other travel once internal border restrictions ease.

The Deputy Chairperson requested no remuneration. The Department will reimburse him for any travel, accommodation and incidental costs.

The Commissioners are each paid a daily sitting fee of \$2,000, capped at a maximum of two days per week.

- b. Yes.