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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: I think there have been essentially two agreements: one under the auspices of the Business Council and the APSC and then this second one, which is a direct relationship. Are the obligations contained in the MOU in relation to this second agreement different in material ways from the obligations that were contained in the original agreement?

Ms Kelly: The change of which I am aware was that, for the first year, under the APSC program, it was substantially at the department's expense. Under this direct agreement, it is now substantially at Bupa's expense. I will get the exact breakdown of that.

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Ms Kelly: On the question of amounts of money paid, I would like to have the opportunity to talk to the individual in question first, before that is provided. But I am happy to table the MOUs.

Senator McALLISTER: Thank you.

Answer:

Under the first MOU, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) paid Ms Cross' salary, superannuation and employment entitlements, and Bupa paid accommodation and travel costs associated with the MOU. Under the second MOU, Bupa continues to pay accommodation and travel costs, and reimburses PM&C for Ms Cross' salary and employment entitlements. PM&C pays Ms Cross' superannuation.

Information concerning the remuneration paid to PM&C's executive staff, including that paid to Ms Cross, will be made available on the PM&C website in July 2017.