

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**OUTCOME:** 1 - Population Health

**Topic:** Staff Profile

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**Senator:** Moore, Claire

**Question:**

Is the non-ongoing work related to a project of some kind? (To be answered by NHMRC)

**Answer:**

This part-time employee was appointed as the lead scientist for peer review of project grant applications following a merit selection process. This position was established to provide the Chief Executive Officer with specialist in-house advice in relation to peer review arrangements to ensure that the process met National Health and Medical Research Council requirements at that time and into the future.

The delegate initially expected the need for the role to cease after three years and a non-ongoing specified task contract was put in place. The need for the role has however been extended and, subject to review, is now expected to cease in 2016.