

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
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Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 94

Topic: Reviews

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Senator Ludwig asked:

For any departmental or ministerial review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors been engaged to assist or conduct the review?

- a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names
- b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent
- c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item
- d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement
- e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details
- f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them
- g. If yes, for each, who selected them
- h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them
 - i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was
 - ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list
 - iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur
 - iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department
 - v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur

Answer:

Overview: The Welfare Review is being conducted by a Reference Group appointed by Minister Andrews. As a ministerially appointed group, the Department liaised during November and December 2013 with the Minister's Office in order to compile a short list of potential candidates for the Minister's consideration. The Minister initially selected Mr McClure to chair the Reference Group and then made additional appointments based on the short list and broader consultations.

- a) Mr Patrick McClure AO, Mr Wesley Aird and Ms Sally Sinclair.
- b) N/A.
- c) Members of the Reference Group are remunerated for work they undertake on the review. The daily rate of remuneration is \$698 for Mr McClure as chair of the Group and \$621 for Mr Aird and Ms Sinclair as members of the Group. Remuneration rates are set by reference to Category 3 of the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2013/11: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office (Clause 2.3 Offices not specified).

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The Reference Group receive travel allowances in respect of the travel undertaken in performing the duties of the Group. Travel entitlements for the Reference Group are set by reference to the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2013/16: Official Travel by Office Holders (Tier 2).

Travel and accommodation costs for the Reference Group are met by the Department.

- d) Mr McClure is the chair of the Reference Group and Mr Aird and Ms Sinclair are members of the Reference Group.
- e) No.
- f) See overview above.
- g) See overview above.
- h) See overview above.
 - i) See overview above.
 - ii) See overview above.
 - iii) See overview above.
 - iv) See overview above.
 - v) See overview above.