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Senator Anne Ruston
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Dear Senator Ruston

I refer to the Additional Estimates hearing on 19 March 2015 held by the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee (the Committee) for the Communications portfolio.

At that hearing, Senator Dastyari asked Mr Nihal Gupta, Chair of the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS), about the annual remuneration rate for the SBS Chair. As page 4 of the Hansard indicates, Mr Gupta replied "It is about \$120,000 roughly."

Mr Gupta has recently advised me that he inadvertently transposed the figures of his remuneration rate in answering this question and asked that I advise the Committee that the actual rate is \$102,400 per annum.

For your information, remuneration and allowances for holders of part-time public office are specified in Determination 2014/08 made under sub-sections 7(3) and 7(4) of the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*. Table A of that Determination provides that the annual fee or remuneration rate for the SBS Chair is \$102,400. This rate was effective from 1 July 2014.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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