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Senator Singh asked:

Senator SINGH: \$205,000 per year for the part-time role of the wind farm commissioner. Can I take you to page 17 of the additional estimates statement. It has a breakdown there of the administered expenses. Dr Dickson, could you perhaps take me through the differing figures for the forward years there and what they relate to?

Dr Dickson: Can I take that on notice? That combines the wind farm commissioner and the scientific committee, so there is a different function. The scientific committee is another part of the overall expenditure on this item, so I will need to give you a more detailed breakdown that picks up those costs as well as the—

Senator URQUHART: The scientific committee on wind farms?

Dr Dickson: That is right. That is all rolled up in there.

Senator SINGH: It is a combined figure?

Dr Dickson: It is a combined figure, so I would need to give you a detailed breakdown.

Senator SINGH: Could you take that on notice, and also that the differing—

Dr Dickson: What is administered and what is departmental in that.

Senator SINGH: Yes.

Answer:

The breakdown of the administered and departmental allocation for the National Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines appears in the table below:

	2015-16 (\$'000)	2016-17 (\$'000)	2017-18 (\$'000)	2018-19 (\$'000)
National Wind Farm Commissioner				
Administered expenses	nil	nil	nil	nil
Departmental expenses	438	674	680	238
Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines				
Administered expenses	22	29	29	15
Departmental expenses	81	145	145	41