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**Senator Ruston asked:**

Senator RUSTON: Thank you. As a matter of record, what is the cost of operating your board? Mr Fraser may prefer to answer that, or may not.

Mr Fraser: I do not know to be honest. It is pretty modest. We are not overly paid. We do not travel first class or business class.

Ms Harris: The arrangements for the board members, the payments, are all determined by the Remuneration Tribunal? That is not something that is within our control at all. That is all in the public domain. I do have figures here.

Senator RUSTON: Just in total.

Ms Harris: Excuse me, Senator, while I find the relevant numbers. I might take that on notice. I might be able to get back to you later in this session if I find the right numbers.

**Answer:**

The Climate Change Authority members' base fees, sitting fees and travel conditions are set by the Remuneration Tribunal.

The 2013-14 total cost for operating the Climate Change Authority Board to 31 May 2014 is:

Base Fee	\$245,332
Sitting Fees	\$ 56,511
<u>Travel</u>	<u>\$ 45,886</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$347,729</u>