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Ms Lyn Beverley  
Secretary  
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 23 FEBRUARY 2015**  
**DEPARTMENT OF THE SENATE**

In response to the Committee's interest in the Senate Occasional Lecture Series, I attach information on the planned lectures for the remainder of the 2014-15 financial year and an update on the costs associated with the honorarium and travel for presenters.

Yours sincerely

(Rosemary Laing)

## Senate Occasional Lecture Series

Each year the department holds a number of lectures which are open to the public.

Since the update provided to the committee in October 2014 in response to Senator McKenzie's question on notice at the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing, three further lectures have been delivered.

Four more are planned for the remainder of the 2014-15 financial year.

2015	Lecturer	Topic
20 February	Dr Simon Longstaff	Democracy, Trust & Legitimacy
10 April	Mr Aaron Pegram	Senators and MPs who served in WW1
29 May	Dr Andrew Moore	The Fitzpatrick and Browne Affair and parliamentary privilege
19 June	British High Commissioner	Magna Carta

The department pays an honorarium (except where it is declined or would be inappropriate, such as for Commonwealth officers) and travel costs for the presenters.

The financial information that was provided to the Committee in October 2014 was as follows:

Financial year	Honorarium	Travel and associated costs
2011-12	\$3,500	\$2,571
2012-13	\$3,500	\$4,287
2013-14 ^	\$4,954	\$4,414
2014-15	\$1,000	\$787

*^ 2013-14 featured two panels with a total of five participants hence the increase in honoraria.*

Updated information (incorporating lectures delivered in October, November and December 2014) for financial year 2014-15 is below:

Financial year	Honorarium	Travel and associated costs
2014-15	\$2,000	\$1994.22