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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: With reference to determination No. 1 in 2015, which contains the details of the remuneration and other conditions of appointment of the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, can you please advise how the determination might differ from the previous determination that governed the conditions of employment of the former secretary.

Mr Lloyd: The determination was made by the Remuneration Tribunal, so I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The terms and conditions of appointment of the Secretary of the Department of the Parliamentary Services are determined by the Presiding Officers under section 63(1) of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*.

Determination 1 of 2015 differs slightly from the previous determination. Minor changes have been made to the clauses relating to superannuation and official vehicle to bring them into line with comparable provisions applying to other full time public office holders. In addition, the compensation for loss of office provision has been amended to exclude payment in circumstances where the reason for the termination of appointment is a breach of the Parliamentary Service Code of Conduct.