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Question:

Ms Cross: I think the CRC were asked what Mr Brumby's salary was. The figure they provided was for the entire period of his appointment. Whereas it may have appeared as though that was an annual amount. So I was just clarifying that for the record.

Senator WONG: What was the period of his appointment? We just want to know what we divide the figure by.

Ms Cross: Again, I would have to check. But I think it was two and a half or three years. But will confirm that for you.

CHAIR: Ms Cross, it was a daily allowance and then he related those. Is that correct?

Ms Cross: The total figure was given at the hearing last night.

Senator WONG: It was the wrong total.

CHAIR: But the remuneration is a daily allowance, if I recall.

Ms Cross: I will check that for you again.

Answer:

The fees for the Chairman of the Council of Australian Governments Reform Council were set by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commensurate with fees determined by the Remuneration Tribunal and payable to comparable advisory boards, committees and councils. For the 2013-14 financial year the amount was \$82,900. Mr Brumby had a three-year contract (beginning 1 January 2013). The contract terminates with the abolition of the COAG Reform Council on 30 June 2014. The remuneration was not a daily allowance.