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Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

With reference to Senator McKenzie's questions (proof Hansard, pp.69-70) about the appointment, remuneration and other matters related to the chair of the COAG Reform Council:

When did Mr Paul McClintock's appointment as chair of the COAG Reform Council commence?

When did Mr McClintock's appointment conclude?

Was Mr McClintock's appointment full time or part time?

What were Mr McClintock's remuneration arrangements?

What total remuneration did Mr McClintock receive?

Did Mr McClintock receive any allowances in addition to salary? If so, what was the nature and total value of the allowances?

Where was Mr McClintock's home base during each year he was chair of the council?

What were Mr McClintock's travel costs during each year of his appointment?

How many council meetings did Mr McClintock chair during each year he was chair of the council?

What was the selection process that led to Mr McClintock's appointment?

Was there a shortlist of candidates?

Answer:

1. Mr Paul McClintock's appointment as chair of the COAG Reform Council commenced on 13 April 2007.
2. Mr McClintock's appointment concluded on 31 December 2012.
3. Mr McClintock's appointment was part time.
4. The fees for the Chairman of the COAG Reform Council were set by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commensurate with fees

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determined by the Remuneration Tribunal for part-time chairs of comparable advisory boards, committees and councils such as the National Health and Medical Research Council; the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and the Industry Research and Development Board.

5. Mr McClintock as Chairman was paid an annual fee as follows:

Period	Fee Payable – per annum
13 April 2007 – 1 July 2009	\$60,000
1 July 2009 – 13 April 2010	\$71,150
14 April 2010 –31 July 2010*	\$73,290 (* total fee from 1 July 2010 with a 20% loading: \$87,948)
1 August 2010 –30 June 2011*	\$76,300 (*\$91,560 with 20% loading)
1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012*	\$78,590 (* \$94,308 with 20% loading)
1 July 2012 –31 December 2012	\$80,950

* For the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2011, Council members' fees were increased by 20% due to increased responsibilities relating to capital cities strategic planning work.

6. Mr McClintock did not receive any allowances in addition to his fees.
7. Mr McClintock's home base during each year he was chair of the Council was Sydney.

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8. Mr McClintock's travel costs during his appointment were as follows:

<u>Financial Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2006/07	\$476.38
2007/08	\$1,910.54
2008/09	\$9,839.14
2009/10	\$10,038.35
2010/11	\$11,956.84
2011/12	\$10,144.32
2012/13	\$5,226.50

These amounts include domestic and international travel, with the cost of international travel partly paid by Mr McClintock and partly paid for by the Council.

9. Mr McClintock chaired the following number of meetings:

2007 – 4 meetings
2008 – 9 meetings
2009 – 7 meetings
2010 – 8 meetings
2011 – 8 meetings
2012 – 8 meetings

10. As set out in the COAG Reform Council's charter, the Chairman was appointed by the Commonwealth. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided a shortlist of nominees for the former Prime Minister, John Howard, who then appointed Mr McClintock in 2007.
11. Yes, a shortlist was provided as part of the selection process.