

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Bridget McKenzie

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Question:

Senator McKENZIE: Was Mr Walker Canberra or Sydney based?

Dr McCarthy: Mr Walker's full-time role as a barrister was in Sydney but he would spend time in Canberra when the—

Senator McKENZIE: On notice, could you also supply the travel costs.

Answer:

The remuneration for the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (INSLM) is set out in the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Regulations 2011. This remuneration includes an allowance component of \$35,670. A determination under section 14 and section 17 of the *Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010* provides that the INSLM may be reimbursed travel and other expenses up to a maximum of the allowance component under the Regulations or such other amount as the Prime Minister determines.

The travel costs reimbursed to Mr Brett Walker SC, during his term as the INSLM, were \$19,444 for the financial year 2011-12, \$9,291 for 2012-13, and \$10,822 for 2013-14.