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Question:

Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us what this unit, the Members and Senators Support Unit, does.

Senator Ryan: The Members and Senators Support Unit works to the Whip—in the House of Representatives, Ms Marino. I do not have a great deal to do with it. I can take it on notice and provide you with information if you have specific questions.

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Senator FARRELL: Who is the head of the unit?

Senator Ryan: Honestly, I will take on notice.

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Senator FARRELL: Do we know who the senior officer or staffer of the unit is?

Senator Ryan: I could ask Ms Marino and come back to you.

Senator FARRELL: Yes. Do you know what the total remuneration of that staffer is?

Senator Ryan: I might answer one question but not the other.

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Senator FARRELL: As I think you said, the parliamentary directory lists him as working for the Chief Government Whip, Nola Marino. When you are doing your inquiries, could you explain how he can be head of the support unit as well as chief of staff to Ms Marino? Can you advise us as to where Mr Hrycek is based?

I have been advised that he is based in Ipswich in Queensland. Can you advice if Mr Hrycek has an approved non-standard home base?

Senator Ryan: I can check if I have approved.

Answer:

The Members and Senators Support Unit is the responsibility of the Whip. Questions about roles, responsibilities and staffing matters are best directed to Ms Marino.

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