Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2015-16

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Question:

- 1. With regards to the announcement of the appointment of a National Wind Farm Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines, is there any funding being provided by the Government for this appointment and committee?
- 2. If so, was a costing done by Finance for this?
- 3. What is the breakdown of funding over the forward estimates?
- 4. Please advise what salary is the National Wind Farm Commissioner being provided with? Are members of the Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines being remunerated as well?

Answer:

The Government has not announced a level of resourcing for the National Wind Farm Commissioner and the Independent Scientific Committee on Wind Turbines. Further information, including financial implications, is expected to be published at the 2015-16 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.

Questions related to any remuneration for the Commissioner and Independent Scientific Committee should be directed to the Department of the Environment.