

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Group: 2**

**Program: Other Agency**

**Question No. AE15/151**

**Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:**

1. Since his appointment as Human Rights Commissioner in February 2014, how much has been spent purchasing business cards for Mr Tim Wilson?
  - a. Can a copy of Mr Wilson's business card please be provided?
2. How much has been spent purchasing letterhead paper for Mr Wilson?
  - a. Can a copy of Mr Wilson's letterhead please be provided?
  - b. What type of paper is it printed on?
3. How much has been spent purchasing other office equipment for Mr Wilson?
  - a. Can an itemised list of equipment please be provided showing make and model and costs on a per unit and total basis?
4. Has Mr Wilson been provided with a mobile telephone?
  - a. If so, what make and model and what was the cost of the handset?
  - b. What is the total cost to the Commonwealth of Mr Wilson's mobile telephone bills?
5. How much has been spent on domestic airfares for Mr Wilson?
  - a. When travelling domestically, is Mr Wilson entitled to travel in business class?
6. How much has been charged to Mr Wilson's Cabcharge card?
7. Is Mr Wilson entitled to use Comcar?
  - a. If so, what is the total cost of his Comcar usage to date?
8. How much has been spent on international air fares for Mr Wilson?
  - a. When travelling internationally, does Mr Wilson travel in business or first class?
9. What is the total cost of Travelling Allowance paid to Mr Wilson to date?
10. What is the total cost of any other meals and incidentals in respect of Mr Wilson?
11. What is Mr Wilson's annual salary?
  - a. How much superannuation is he paid?
  - b. Is Mr Wilson provided with a Privately Plated Vehicle or allowance in lieu? If so, what are the make and model of the vehicle/what is the value of the annual allowance in lieu?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. \$265 (ex GST)



a.

2. No letterhead has been printed for the Human Rights Commissioner.

a-b: Not applicable

3. \$5,209.08 (ex GST)

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| a. i) iPhone 5s 64GB         | \$ 1,026.36 |
| ii) iPad mini Retina4G 128GB | \$ 726.36   |
| iii) Lenovo X240 Notebook    | \$ 1650.18  |
| iv) Apple Airport Extreme    | \$ 299.00   |
| v) Billion Modem 7800NXL     | \$ 129.00   |
| vi) Standing Desk            | \$ 1,378.18 |

Total: \$ 5,209.08 (ex GST)

4. Yes

a. Please see the response to question three.

b. \$2,099.02 (ex GST)

5. \$23,691.38 (ex GST). Of this amount \$9,817.19 (ex GST) was attributed to Mr Wilson's Reunion Travel Allowance, which forms part of the Commissioner's conditions of employment as determined by the Remuneration Tribunal.

a. Yes, for all flights over 2 hours duration. However Mr Wilson and other Commissioners generally elect to travel in economy class when undertaking domestic travel.

6. \$13,238.78 (ex GST), of this amount \$2,653.09 (ex GST) was attributed to Reunion Travel Allowance.

7. No

a. Not applicable

8. \$9,938.88 (ex GST). Of this amount \$2,104.66 was reimbursed by the following third parties, Asia Pacific Forum and The New Zealand Initiative.

9. \$16,169.90 (ex GST)

10. The cost of meals and incidentals incurred while travelling for business purposes are covered by the travel allowance specified in question nine.

11. Commissioner Wilson's remuneration is as outlined in the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2014/12 - Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Full-Time Public Office:

Total Remuneration Package = \$332,800 per annum

Base salary = \$242,950 per annum

Additional Entitlements approved by the Remuneration Tribunal:

Accommodation Allowance = \$40,000 per annum

Reunion Travel Allowance = \$16,800 per annum

- a. As per the above determination and the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*, our Employer Superannuation Contribution is 9.5% of the ATO maximum earnings base for 2014/15, i.e. 9.5% of \$197,720pa = \$18,783pa
- b. Commissioner Wilson has not been provided with a privately plated vehicle nor does he receive an allowance in lieu.