

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**

Supplementary Budget Estimates, 15 October 2012

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Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio

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Program:	1.3		
Division:	ASCD		
Topic:	Climate Commission		
Hansard Page EC:	EC60		

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Should we inquire at every estimates then as to the work he has done—that is, what pay he has received since the last one, as it is not a fixed amount?

Mr Comley: It would be open to the committee to make the request.

Senator IAN MACDONALD: Could I ask on notice that we be advised perhaps since it started, as it has not been going all that long, in financial year lots, I guess?

Mr Comley: We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Professor Tim Flannery has been paid the following amounts (exclusive of GST) since the inception of the Climate Commission in February 2011.

2010-11	\$66,874
2011-12	\$190,245
2012-13 (to 30 September 2012)	\$19,104
Total	\$276,193

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Topic:	Portfolio Budget Statement – calculating program support		
Hansard Page EC:	Written		

Senator McKenzie asked:

The PBS for Program 1.3 refers to a revised methodology for calculating program support. Please provide details of this. What was the reason for the change?

Answer:

The Department revised the methodology for calculating program support costs for all programs. The change in methodology was to present estimated costs that more closely reflect the appropriation basis of each program, which was considered a more accurate presentation than the previous methodology that was based on organisational structure.

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Hansard Page EC:	EC65		

Senator BIRMINGHAM: Thank you. I am sure you will have to take this on notice, but is it possible to get some type of assessment, at least for direct contributions from this department, of the total costs related to supporting the IPCC work?

Dr Banerjee: Yes. We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Question on Notice No. 112 from the May 2012 Budget Estimates hearing provided a complete breakdown of the Department's expenditure related to supporting the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for the 2011-2012 financial year.

As at 15 October 2012, the Department has spent \$8,565 to host the IPCC Second Lead Author Meeting of the 2013 Supplementary Methods and Good Practice Guidance Arising from the Kyoto Protocol.