



Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Health Services Australia

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SENATOR Wong asked on 24/05/2007:

Senator WONG—Self evidently there was a jump between 2004-05 and 2005-06 in the specified executives from \$865,000 to \$1,111,000. Are you able to explain why that occurred?

Mr Kmet—We would need to look at that. It may well be that those specified executives were not included in the previous annual report, or the same number for that matter.

Senator WONG—Is there anyone here who can tell us that?

Mr Kmet—We could not answer that question at this point. We would need to take it on notice.

Senator WONG—On notice I would like to know which positions were included in the 2005 specified executives category yielding an \$865,101 total remuneration figure and which executives are included in the 2006 categories yielding a \$1,111,000 figure. If they are the same, are you able to provide an explanation as to why there has been such an increase in salaries and remuneration?

Mr Kmet—We could provide an explanation of the difference.

Answer:

The difference between the value of the remuneration for the specified executives from 2004-05 to 2005-06 was around \$246,000. Of this amount, around \$162,000 can be attributed to costs associated with the creation of the Chief Operating Officer position, which increased the number of executives from five to six. The remaining \$84,000 results from increases in the total packages of the other five executives in salaries, annual leave, bonus, Fringe Benefit Tax, superannuation and long service leave.