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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: You might want to refresh my memory as to what the determination was in relation to the remuneration for the chair.

Ms Cross: I cannot recall. That is a question that is possibly better directed to FaHCSIA, as they are looking after the details.

Senator FIFIELD: Okay. I have a vague recollection—but do not hold me to it—that it was around \$125,000 for the part-time chair.

Ms Cross: We would have to take it on notice. That does not sound improbable, but we do not have the figures with us.

Answer:

Ms Serena Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, responded to this question during the Community Affairs Legislation Committee Estimates on 3 June 2013. Ms Wilson noted that the salary for the Chair is \$105,770 per annum, with an additional loading until 30 June 2016 of \$20,000 per annum. This amount was set by the Remuneration Tribunal under Determination 2012/13, as amended by Determination 2013/05.

The Remuneration Tribunal has recently reviewed this Determination, and from 1 July 2013 the salary will be \$108,310 with a loading until 30 June 2016 of \$20,480 per annum (Determination 2013/11).