

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Question: PM21

Outcome 1, Output 5

Topic: PM staffing reimbursements

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked: Could you go back to that exchange, please, and take on notice the actual cost that it takes on a monthly or bimonthly basis for this calculation to take place and for the reimbursement to occur.

Mr Mrdak-It would not be a large amount of resourcing in the sense that we have established a system. As I indicated, the Prime Minister announced earlier in the year that he reimburses 60 per cent of the salary costs, including on-costs and the like, and 100 per cent of any overtime or additional allowances. We work from the time sheets that are submitted and then calculate the amount of payment that is required to be reimbursed. I will take that on notice, but it is not a significant additional cost for the officers in our official establishment's area.

Answer: It is estimated that it takes two hours work per month by Department officers to process the reimbursement. Approximate cost is \$100 per month.