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Senator Boyce asked: So what are the annual wages or salary for that secretariat [of the Social Inclusion Board]?

Ms Patterson-I do not have a figure for you at the moment. I will just double-check.

Ms Peake-We can certainly take that on notice for you.

Answer: The entire Social Inclusion Unit at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet will at times support the Australian Social Inclusion Board, directly or indirectly, as will other parts of the Department, and other Australian Public Service agencies.

The dedicated secretariat to the Australian Social Inclusion board, part of the Social Inclusion Unit, currently compromises four officers, one at each of the Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1, Australian Public Service 6 and Australian Public Service 5 pay levels. The annual salary for each pay level can vary across a number of pay points. The total equivalent full-time salary for this combination of officers is approximately \$335,000 for 2008.