

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 24 FEBRUARY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(30) Output 2.3: Australian Citizenship

Senator Barnett (L&CA 86) asked:

(a) What was the sitting fee per day paid to the Citizenship Test Review Committee?

(b) What is the standard sitting fee set by the Remuneration Tribunal?

Answer:

(a) The sitting fee paid per day to the Citizenship Test Review Committee members was \$559.90 inclusive of GST. The Committee Chair was paid a daily sitting fee of \$1 500 inclusive of GST. Two members of the Committee who were, at the time, employees of the Australian Government were not entitled to the daily sitting fee.

(b) The standard sitting fee set by the Remuneration Tribunal at the time of engaging the Citizenship Test Review Committee was \$509.00¹ exclusive of GST (\$559.90 inclusive of GST).

It should be noted that this Committee was not governed by the Remuneration Tribunal. Determination 2007/10: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office was used to ensure that members of the Committee were paid in accordance with other government committees.

Travelling allowance rates are contained in the Official Travel Determination 2004/03.

¹ *Determination 2007/10: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*, Table 2A, Category 3.