



Appendix B — Committee expenses during 2004-2005

Although the Committee is a statutory committee, it does not receive a separate appropriation. The Committee is funded from the appropriation made to the Department of the House of Representatives. The Committee's annual budget for administrative and staff salary costs is a component of Output Group 2 (Committee Services and Interparliamentary Relations) in the Department of the House of Representatives.

The Committee's administrative expenses for 2004-05 were \$28,407 (a lower figure than is customary due to reduced activity during the period of the 2004 federal election). The main components of this expenditure were:

- \$12,814 on travel expenses (flight and accommodation costs for secretariat staff supporting inquiries; and aircraft charter and vehicle hire in support of the indigenous law and justice inquiry);
- \$12,490 on office services, predominantly newspaper advertising of inquiries and printing (principally external printing of the Committee's reports); and
- \$2,038 on office requisites in support of the Committee's secretariat.

The Committee operated within its administrative budget for the financial year.

The Chairman of the Committee received an allowance of \$17,790 in recognition of the responsibilities of the position. The amount of the allowance is set by the Remuneration Tribunal and paid by the Department of the House of Representatives pursuant to the *Remuneration and Allowances Act 1990*.