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Topic: Airservices - Air Traffic Controller Trainee Pay

Senator Bridget McKenzie asked:

Senator MCKENZIE: When I am uprooted, how much am I getting paid?

Mr Harfield: I would have to take on notice the exact amount from our trainee—

Senator MCKENZIE: Is it about \$55,000?

Mr Harfield: About that. But you'd also get allowances and all that sort of stuff because we would be relocating you for a period of time, temporarily, to Melbourne.

Answer:

Airservices provides comprehensive information on its website regarding the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) recruitment process, including the need to conduct paid training in Melbourne. The trainee's employment agreement includes an acknowledgement to relocate to Melbourne to undertake initial training and then to a field location upon completion of training.

ATC trainees receive \$55,097 per annum plus superannuation for the duration of their initial training. Airservices covers airfares from their place of residence to Melbourne to commence initial training and from Melbourne to their final field location. Airservices provides a temporary accommodation allowance in Melbourne at the commencement of their initial training.

Once ATCs transfer to their final field location and commence final field training, their salary is \$82,646 per annum plus superannuation.