

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: McAllister

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: You have previously commented in relation to statutory office holder remuneration and a proposed legislative change to transfer the responsibility for determining the remuneration of the other parliamentary service statutory office holder's from the Presiding Officers to the Remuneration Tribunal. You said that the 'necessary amendments to the Parliamentary Service Act and the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973 are being developed as part of a package of amendments to be referred to the Office of Parliamentary Counsel in the following reporting period. Do you know where that is up to?

Mr Lloyd: I do not recall. I do not think that was me who said that, but it might have been predecessor of mine. I certainly have no recollection of making a statement along those lines. I do not think it is contained anywhere in my report. So I will have to take that on notice to see if I can find out who made that statement.

Answer:

This statement appeared in the Parliamentary Service Commissioner Annual Report 2014-15.

The Presiding Officers are currently considering whether to advance these potential amendments.