

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Group: 2**

**Program: 1.8**

**Question No. SBE14/173**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 November 2014:**

Noting that Mr Stoljar's costs have already partially been reported on Austender, (Attachment A), and is therefore a matter of public record:

1. What is Mr Stoljar's daily fee for appearing at the TURC?
2. How many days has he appeared at the TURC so far?
  - a. If you don't have a precise figure for Mr Stoljar's appearances can you please advise the number of days the TURC has sat since it commenced?
3. What is the daily or hourly rate paid to Mr Stoljar for any work occurring outside of hearing days?
4. How much has been paid to Mr Stoljar so far?
5. Does Mr Stoljar have access to a Comcar as part of his retainer?
  - a. If so, what has been the cost to the Commonwealth since the commencement of the TURC?
6. Does Mr Stoljar receive travelling allowance or any other allowance if he is required to preside over hearings away from his home base?
  - a. If so, what is the amount?
  - b. How is it calculated?
  - c. What is the total amount of travelling allowance paid to Mr Stoljar since the TURC commenced?
7. Are there any other accommodation costs paid on behalf of Mr Stoljar?
8. When Mr Stoljar travels for TURC hearings, does he travel in business class?
9. How much has been paid in air fares for Mr Stoljar since the TURC commenced?
10. Has any agreement been reached for travelling entitlements for Mr Stoljar's family?
  - a. If so, could you please describe them and explain the costs for each component?
11. Is Mr Stoljar paid a mobile telephone allowance?
  - a. If so, how much?
12. Has Mr Stoljar been provided with a mobile telephone?
  - a. If so, what make and model?
13. What is the cost of any other hospitality afforded to Mr Stoljar, or any meals, sustenance, gifts or other incidentals?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. It is general practice that the terms and conditions (including daily or hourly rates) on which the Commonwealth engages individual legal counsel, including Royal Commissioners and Counsel Assisting, are not disclosed as this information is commercial-in-confidence.
2. 76.
3. See (1) above.
4. See (1) above.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Hotel accommodation for interstate travel related to TURC.
8. Mr Stoljar's class of travel is determined by reference to that provided for SES officers as per the Attorney-General's Department's Employee Relations Advices on travel.
9. To provide this amount would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.
10. No.
11. No.
12. Yes. It is an iPhone 5.
13. Nil.