

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

**TOPIC:** Industry Supplier Advocates remuneration

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Colbeck

**QUESTION No.:** A1-86

How much are each of the Government's Industry Supplier Advocates respectively paid? For what time period are they respectively contracted?

**ANSWER**

In recognition of time incurred, Supplier Advocates receive a fee of \$1000.00 (excluding GST) payable per day worked.

Each Supplier Advocate was engaged on the basis of working approximately 40 days per year. However, since developing their respective sectoral industry development strategies, Advocates have been working more or less depending on the time-intensiveness of their industry development projects.

Appointment details for the Supplier Advocates are as follows:

1. *Mr Bruce Griffiths, Rail Supplier Advocate*
  - Initially appointed from 17 November 2009 to 31 December 2010 and reappointed from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011.
2. *Mr Cyril Benjamin, Steel Supplier Advocate*
  - Initially appointed from 16 November 2009 to 30 June 2010 and reappointed from 1 July 2010 to 30 December 2010. Mr Benjamin stepped down following 30 December 2010 and consultations are underway to appoint a new Steel Supplier Advocate.
3. *Mr Don Easter, Information Technology Supplier Advocate*
  - Appointed from 29 April 2010 to 30 June 2011.
4. *Dr Andrew Parratt, Clean Technologies Supplier Advocate*
  - Appointed from 29 April 2010 to 30 June 2011.
5. *Mr Bob Herbert, Water Supplier Advocate*
  - Appointed from 29 April 2010 to 30 June 2011.
6. *Mr John Gaskin, Built Environment Supplier Advocate*
  - Appointed from 19 January 2011 to 31 December 2011.