

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: Automotive Industry Review

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Abetz

QUESTION No. BI-27

For each of the panel members, please detail:

- any stipend or allowance committee members may have received for the meeting or remuneration in general;
- airfares;
- travel allowance; and
- any other expenses.

ANSWER

Remuneration of \$9,014.39 (inclusive of GST) has been paid in respect of Dr Elizabeth Webster's work on the expert panel. In addition, the Department has paid \$1802.57 for travel expenses relating to Dr Webster's membership of the panel.

In respect of Mr Peter Upton's participation in the expert panel, the Department has paid \$8,790.43 (inclusive of GST) in sitting fees, \$950.40 (inclusive of GST) in travel allowance, \$50.40 in private motor vehicle allowance, and \$833.16 in reimbursement of other travel expenses.

Mr Nixon Apple has been paid \$7,329.60 gross remuneration, less withholding tax, plus \$659.64 superannuation, for his work on the expert panel. In addition, a payment of \$756.58 was made to the ACTU as reimbursement of the cost of an airfare and taxi fares for Mr Apple to attend the 3 April meeting of the automotive review panel in Canberra.

The Department has made no payment in respect of Mr Tim Harcourt's participation in the expert panel.