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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: **BR3**
Topic: **Mark Chalmers compensation**
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Senator Ludlam asked:

Senator LUDLAM-While you are at it, can you tell us how many public servants work full time or part time-or maybe express it as FTEs-for the council?

Ms Constable-There is no-one working directly for the council. We have a secretariat within the department which works on a whole range of uranium issues. Depending on the work of the council at any one time, it may be one person or it may be half a person. It really depends on the work at the time.

Senator LUDLAM-Is that Mark Chalmers? Is that your secretary?

Ms Constable-No, he is the chair of the council.

Senator LUDLAM-How much is he paid for his work?

Mr Sheldrick-Until recently Mark was undertaking that role without cost to us. More recently he has moved onto a small contract. I will need to take that on notice.

Answer:

Mr Mark Chalmers has been Chair of the Uranium Council (formerly the Uranium Industry Framework) since it was formed in January 2007. Mr Chalmers has only charged for his services during the 2009-10 financial year at a rate of \$2,000 per day for a total of \$8360.00 (incl GST).