

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Consultant Ms Alison Johns

Senator MASON: I think we had a discussion last time with Dr Nicoll about Ms Alison Johns, who was appointed as a consultant—I think that is right. Ms Paul, I think you indicated that Ms Johns would be working for DEEWR between July and September this year. Is that still accurate?

Ms Paul: Yes, I believe so. I think we have got her work in. We can go into more detail this afternoon if you like with the higher education people, but basically that is right. She came here, went out and about and consulted broadly, and I think we have now got the results of her work.

Senator MASON: She was a consultant, and I think her fee had yet to be negotiated at the last estimates.

Ms Paul: We can certainly give it to you on notice now.

Senator MASON: Can you give me what her overall fee is?

Ms Paul: Of course.

Answer

The maximum fee payable for the consultant under the contract with the Higher Education Funding Council for England is \$77,903.