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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: Thank you. Are you aware of any other part-time chairs of Commonwealth bodies that receive that level of remuneration? I want to get a handle as to whether that is in the ballpark for chairs of other large bodies. I appreciate that there are few ventures that are larger than the NDIS.

Ms Cross: My recollection is that when we put in our advice to the Remuneration Tribunal we cited a number of examples of similar positions where there may have been similar or higher remuneration, so I think that there is some precedence for this.

Senator FIFIELD: Can you recall what they were?

Ms Cross: I cannot, but I can take that on notice.

Answer:

Ms Serena Wilson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, responded to this question during the Community Affairs Legislation Committee Estimates on 3 June 2013. Ms Wilson noted that NBN Co, the Future Fund, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, and the National Mental Health Commission were among the comparators. Ms Wilson also noted that the DisabilityCare Australia Chair is to be paid significantly less than part-time Chairs of the Future Fund, Australia Post, the ABC and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation.