

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Topic: RDA Selection Panels**

**Asked By: Senator JOYCE**

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Who is on the selection panel for recruiting new committee members?

Does it consist of existing committee members, or the government?

Are members of the selection panel paid for their duties?

If so, how much?

**Answer:**

The Minister appoints new committee members, and where States and Territory government provide funding, makes joint appointments with the relevant state or territory Minister. The Department receives Expressions of Interest for new committee members in response to a public advertising process and presents information on each applicant's background and skills to the Minister for his consideration.