

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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Question: 98

Topic: Constitutional Recognition of Local Government - Payment to Members of Expert Panel

Asked By: Senator JOYCE

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- a) Are any members of the Expert Panel receiving payment for their services?
- b) If so, who and how much?

Answer:

- a) The remuneration of the Expert Panel is guided by the terms set out under Category 3 of Section 2.3 of the Remuneration Tribunal's *Determination 2011/09: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office* (available at the Remuneration tribunal's website: www.remtribunal.gov.au)
- b) Any member of the Expert Panel is entitled to claim a daily rate for attending meetings and participating in other official Expert Panel business, such as subgroups or committees in line with Category 3 of Section 2.3 of the Remuneration Tribunal's *Determination 2011/09: Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office*.

From 1 July 2011, these fees are \$661 (Chair) and \$588 (Members). These fees are inclusive of the amount necessary to meet any taxation obligation in respect of these fees.