

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Question No. 1

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 22 February 2011:

Senator BARNETT—It states in the additional estimates statement that the funds for outcome 1 [where the AAT was allocated \$653,000 in more funding] are for ‘supplementation for judicial and related offices salary increases’ and it says that additional expenditure is for members’ salary and per diem increases. Outcome 1 is very broad.

Can you give an explanation as to why the extras were required and can you give a breakdown of the spending?

Mr Kellow—It follows a determination of the Remuneration Tribunal that took effect on 1 January this year, which increased the remuneration for the tribunal members by four per cent. The supplementation is to meet those costs. The calculations are based on the expected workload of the part-time members and it is an easier calculation for the full-time members.

Senator BARNETT—What about the per-diem increases? Have they gone up?

Mr Kellow—The increase was four per cent across the board. Within the determination, it provides for a set remuneration for the full-time members and a per-diem rate for part-time members. Both of those rates were increased pursuant to the determination of the Remuneration Tribunal.

Senator BARNETT—So that has gone up four per cent as well?

Mr Kellow—That is right.

Senator BARNETT—Can you provide further and better particulars of the breakdown of that \$653,000?

Mr Kellow—I will perhaps take that on notice, but we could attribute that part of the increase to the fulltime members and the balance would be for the part-time members’ remuneration.

The answer to the honourable senator’s question is as follows:

The breakdown of the supplementation for judicial and related offices salary increases is set out below.

OUTCOME 1		2010–11
Increase in estimates (departmental)		\$’000
Supplementation for judicial and related officers salary increases (Remuneration Tribunal Determinations 2010/12 &21)	Full-time members	445
Supplementation for judicial and related officers salary increases (Remuneration Tribunal Determinations 2010/12 &21)	Part-time members	205
Departmental Operating Budget parameter adjustment		–
Departmental Capital Budget parameter adjustment		3
for Outcome 1 (departmental)		653