

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 145

Senator Stott-Despoja asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2006:

The OFLC structure has undergone a significant change with upgrades to the Director and Deputy Director SES levels and the creation of an additional SES Executive responsible for Strategy and Communication, which until recently included the Policy function. Will the Attorney-General now review whether these changes are still warranted, given the transfer of the Censor Policy functions away from the OFLC?

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

The remuneration levels for the Director and Senior Classifiers were increased by the Remuneration Tribunal in 2001 to reflect work value changes dating back to 1997. The Remuneration Tribunal did not upgrade the remuneration for the Deputy Director. (The Director and Deputy Director positions are statutory, rather than SES positions.)

It is proposed to ask the Remuneration Tribunal to review the level of remuneration for the Director and Deputy Director positions in light of the integration of OFLC functions into the Department.

The Department is developing with the executive team of OFLC appropriate governance structures, including staff and SES allocations and responsibilities, in light of the proposed new arrangements for servicing the requirements of the Classification Board and Classification Review Board.