

**Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry**

**Question:** GRDC01

**Division/Agency:** Grains Research and Development Corporation

**Topic:** Wheat classification panel members

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**Senator WILLIAMS asked:**

**Senator WILLIAMS**—Mr Perrett, in April you announced the formation of a wheat classification panel. Are these panel members paid?

**Mr Perrett**—Yes, they will be.

**Senator WILLIAMS**—If so, how much?

**Mr Perrett**—I am not sure of the remuneration that they will be receiving. Mr Reading?

**Mr Reading**—I will take the exact numbers on notice, but basically they are just paid to attend the meetings. That is primarily the compensation they get for it. It is travel costs to attend the meetings.

**Answer:**

Yes. The Wheat Classification Panel members are paid \$1500 per day and they are reimbursed their actual travel and accommodation costs.

Current members of this expert panel are: consultant, Bob Cracknell; wheat industry specialist, Tremayne Watts; biochemist, Dr Dai Suter; marketer and adviser, Tim Dewan; and cereal chemist Philip Downie.