



Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety

Inquiry into Dangerous Driving **ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Asked by Mr Peter Cain MLA on 7 December 2022: Ms Nicola Clarke took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

So we are not taking an opening statement and so I will lead off. Look, I have just got a few questions about the funeral benefits that are provided under a claim. And correct me if I am wrong, \$15,000 indexed, is that the correct benefit? I am just wondering, how did you come to that amount? Is that based on an actual calculation of a cost of a funeral in Canberra?

Ms Clarke: So Nicola Clarke, currently performing the functions of the MAI Commissioner, and I acknowledge the privileges statement. The \$15,000 was the amount that was recommended to us as part of the citizen jury process that occurred over 2017 and 2018. And it is not intended to cover the full amount of a funeral. Obviously it has been AWE indexed since that time. So in terms of any benchmarking against funerals, what we do observe from where funeral benefits have been claimed, there have been a range between about \$10,000 up to \$21,000.

THE CHAIR: What is the current?

Ms Clarke: \$16,400, I believe, but I can confirm that.

THE CHAIR: Take that on notice?

Ms Clarke: Yes.

Motor Accident Injuries Commission: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

[\[Insert answer to question taken on notice\]](#)

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By the Motor Accident Injuries Commissioner, Ms Nicola Clarke