

Camilla Belich **WPQ 27785 (2026)**

Question: What is the total additional annual cost, if any, of all board fee increases approved by the Minister since 27 November 2023 across any agency, department, Crown entity, company, or other organisation for which the Minister is responsible, broken down by organisation and year, as at 8 June 2026?

Response: I am advised by the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai (the Authority) that since 27 November 2023, there has been one increase in the Water Services Authority – Taumata Arowai Board member fees, following the release of the new Cabinet Fees Framework [CO (25)2]. The increase took effect from 1 October 2025. The Authority currently has a Board Chair and 4 other Board members. The increase in Board fees will result in an additional annual cost of \$64,800 (for the Chair and 4 Board members).

Position	27/11/2023 – 30/09/2025	01/10/2025 to 08/06/2026
	Per annum fees	Per annum fees
Board Chair	\$30,000.00	\$51,600.00
Board members	\$15,000.00	\$25,800.00