

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2016-17**

Finance Portfolio  
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**Topic:** Expenses for Sophie Mirabella

**Senator:** Kitching

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**Question:**

**Senator KITCHING:** Ms Mirabella was entitled to claim expenses as a director?

**Mr Lamarre:** I believe so. I would not be across this issue.

**Senator Cormann:** If you ask questions in relation to board matters, they are not questions that are appropriately directed to management. If you have questions in relation to board matters, you should address them to me, and I will take them on notice to assist you as best I can.

**Senator KITCHING:** Is a board member entitled to claim expenses?

**Senator Cormann:** I will take on notice what expenses board members on the ASC may or may not be able to claim.

**Senator KITCHING:** How much has she claimed to date?

**Senator Cormann:** I will take that on notice.

**Senator KITCHING:** Over what period was this amount claimed? To aid you, I understand her expenses were around \$50,000—the breakdown is \$20,000 on airfares, \$20,000 on transport and \$272 for luxury beachside accommodation in Cottesloe. How do these expense claims compare to other directors on the ASC board? I am happy for you to take those on notice and come back.

**Senator Cormann:** I will take those questions on notice.

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**Senator KITCHING:** Let us see how reasonable they are, and maybe a breakdown of the airfares would also be good to see where she was travelling to.

**Senator Cormann:** We will see how we can assist you.

**Answer:**

ASC Board members are entitled to claim valid expenses and to receive per diem payments in accordance with the relevant Remuneration Tribunal Determination, currently Determination 2016/07 Office Travel by Office Holders.

During the period of January 2014 to December 2015, the valid expenses for Ms Sophie Mirabella totalled \$42,161.60, and included \$20,922.10 for the airfares purchased directly by ASC. The expenses for Ms Mirabella were in line with the expenses for other ASC directors over the same period.