

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

National e-Health Transition Authority (NeHTA)

Budget Estimates 2011-12, Supplementary Estimates

**Question: 42**

OUTCOME 10.2: e-Health

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator McKenzie asked:

**For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.**

**For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.**

**For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.**

**For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.**

**Are employees taking the most direct route when travelling? If not, please explain why.**

**Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the cost per employee.**

**When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as their Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.**

Answer:

Whilst this question does not apply to NEHTA specifically, a summary analysis of travel for the financial year to date is included below. All travel undertaken is in line with NEHTA's travel policy.

All employee travel and lounge memberships are in accordance with the NEHTA travel policy.

	<b>Total</b>
	<b>(\$'000)</b>
Airfares _ Domestic Business Class	15
Airfares _ International Business Class	118
Airfares _ Economy Class	1071
Accommodation	535
Ground Transport	424
<b>Travel Expenses</b>	<b>2,163</b>