

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Travel Costs - Ministerial

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Senator: Ludwig Joe

Question:

From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary.

- a) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip.
- b) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
- c) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
- d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

a) to d)

Expenses for travel undertaken by the Ministers and their staff are paid for by the Department of Finance. The report "Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance" is tabled biannually providing details of the dates and purpose of the travel, the countries of destination and the costs of visits. Further information on ministerial visits is also available on ministerial websites and in media releases and media reports.