

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 070

**Topic:** Travel Costs

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

The 2009-10 Mid Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook detailed a whole-of-government coordinated procurement arrangements for travel and related services. How has this applied to the department and its portfolio agencies? Please explain the changes that have occurred in FaHCSIA and portfolio agencies in relation to its travel and related services.

**Answer:**

From 1 July 2010, the whole of Government travel services procurement arrangements have been applied to FaHCSIA as per the Department of Finance and Deregulation policy.

FaHCSIA and its participating portfolio agencies are currently operating under an Interim Agency Agreement with its previous Travel Management Company on a business as usual basis. There is no change from the services provided under the previous arrangement.