

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 252

Topic: Qantas direct flights to NT

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Senator Siewert asked:

What percentage of government funded seats on these flights are business class seats?
What is the Departmental policy about when departmental officers and staff fly may business?

Answer:

59 per cent of FaHCSIA's flights to Northern Territory were business class.

Under the department's Collective Agreement, for domestic travel, staff may travel by Business Class if the flight is of more than 3.5 hours duration.

Under the department's Business Rules for Official Travel, SES employees are entitled to travel business class. On trips between Canberra and Sydney, wherever possible, they travel economy class.