

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Australia Council for the Arts

Question No: 190

Australia Council

Hansard Ref: Written, 07/06/2017

Topic: Overseas Travel

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

In each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and in 2016-2017 to date:

- (a) How many overseas trips were undertaken by Australia Council staff members or Council members?
- (b) In relation to each of those trips please provide the following information:
 - i. How many Australia Council staff/Council members travelled and their level within the organisation;
 - ii. The total cost of the trip to the Australia Council;
 - iii. The purpose and objectives of the trip; and
 - iv. The outcomes and outputs of the trip?

Answer:

- (a) The number of overseas trips and the cost of travel undertaken by Australia Council staff or Board members is detailed in the following table:

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Number of trips	25	16	27	67
Overall cost of trips	\$283,619	\$149,076	\$215,457	\$648,152

- (b) Overall cost of travel in relation to the identified trips is provided in (a) above. To attempt to provide the additional level of detail requested in this question would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.