

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

Question: BET 1260-1267

Topic: Travel Costs

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1260. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
1261. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
1262. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
1263. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
1264. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?
1265. 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 total costs of the lounge memberships.
1266. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an 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.
1267. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?

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Answer:

1260. Nil.

1261. Total travel spend for Departmental officers for the financial year to date (31 May 2013) is \$12,076.24:

Number of Staff	Destination	Airfare/Bus fare	Airfare/Bus fare Type	Accommodation	Meals	Incidentals	Totals
1*	Sydney	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$155.30	\$190.20	\$345.50
1#	Brisbane	\$454.62	Economy	\$582.00	\$289.70	\$283.82	\$1,610.14
1^	Geraldton	\$2,895.96	Bus/Econ	\$540	\$312.15	\$211.56	\$3,959.67
1*	Sydney	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$155.30	\$199.50	\$354.80
1#	Brisbane	428.82	Economy	\$320.00	\$158.10	\$137.00	\$1,043.92
1##	Sydney	\$178.40	Economy	\$370.00	\$142.10	\$121.15	\$811.65
1^^	Melbourne	\$228.28	Economy	N/A	N/A	\$213.54	\$441.82
1**	Adelaide	\$995.66	Bus/Econ	N/A	N/A	\$78.00	\$1,073.66
1**	Adelaide	\$1,069.63	Bus/Econ	\$150.00	\$116.55	\$51.20	\$1,387.38
1**	Adelaide	\$359.55	Economy	\$150.00	\$116.55	\$67.30	\$693.40
1*	Sydney	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$186.60	\$167.70	\$354.30
11	Totals	\$6,610.92		\$2,112.00	\$1,632.35	\$1,720.97	\$12,076.24

* recruitment panels for Austrade in Sydney by an SES 3 (airfares & Accommodation paid by Austrade)

Annual Population Estimates Workshop or NATStats 2013 conferences in Brisbane

^guest speaker at the Annual Local Government Grants Commission Conference

**attend Local Government Hearings in Adelaide

^^ attend Indigenous Expenditure Report Meeting in Melbourne

##attend Map Info training in Sydney

1262. Nil.

1263. In August All Members of the Commission, 3 SES Staff and 1 EL 2 will attend bilateral meetings in Melbourne for meetings with the Heads of Treasury from Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

1264. Business Class Travel is only granted to Members under the provisions of the Remuneration Tribunal and to SES under conditions of employment.

1265. Yes. QANTAS Club Membership is granted to 1 SES as part of their employment conditions. \$225.00pa.

1266 Nil.

1267. No.