

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Building and Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000149

Senator Cameron asked on 12 February 2016 on proof Hansard page 32

Question

FWBC - Hobart office travel

Senator CAMERON: Mr O'Keeffe, you provided some information about the Hobart office travel expenses after the last estimates hearing. For the seven trips to the mainland in 2014, by the officer from Tasmania, how many overnight stays were involved?

Mr O'Keeffe: No, I cannot tell you that. I did not bring that level of detail.

Senator CAMERON: You did not bring that here, even though you knew I was asking about this issue?

Mr O'Keeffe: Senator, your letter was quite broad. I have brought information at the state level and I have the last couple of years at the national level. Certainly, if you had asked that specific question, I could have brought that information with me.

Senator CAMERON: Can you provide that information on notice?

Mr O'Keeffe: Yes, I can.

Senator CAMERON: That is, how many overnight stays were involved. Can you also provide details of which cities or towns the stays were in?

Mr O'Keeffe: I will take that on notice.

overnight stays, location, accommodation expenses, meal allowances claimed and other travel expenses? Would you provide itemised accounts against which expenses for accommodation, meal allowances and other travel were claimed?

Mr O'Keeffe: I will take it on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Would you provide the same breakdown of travel and costs and itemised accounts for the team leader in the Hobart office for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015?

Mr O'Keeffe: I will take it on notice.

Answer

1. There were 11 trips to the mainland in the financial year 2014/15 that involved a total of 31 overnight stays.
**Previous EMSQ15-000269 incorrectly advised the Committee that there were seven trips to the mainland in the financial year 2014/15. A letter of correction was sent to the Committee Secretary on 4 March 2016.*
2. Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth
3. See table below. Insufficient detail is recorded in the general ledger that would accurately identify the costs to a specific trip and enable the provision of itemised accounts beyond the detail below.

Hobart Office Team Leader Interstate Travel 2014-15	Amount (\$)
Fares	5, 146.50
Accommodation	3,778.18
Cash Withdrawals (meals and incidentals allowance)	3,520.79
Taxis	1,593.79
Short term parking	42.57
Airline Club membership	277.27
Other travel costs	399.16
TOTAL	14,758.26

4. There were two trips to the mainland in the period 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015 that involved a total of four overnight stays.
5. Melbourne.
6. See table below. Insufficient detail is recorded in the general ledger that would accurately identify the costs to a specific trip and enable the provision of itemised accounts beyond the detail below.

Hobart Office Team Leader Interstate Travel 1 July 2015 to 31 December 2015	Amount (\$)
Fares	594.73
Accommodation	577.27
Cash Withdrawals (meals and incidentals allowance)	488.41
Taxis	261.25
TOTAL	1,921.66