

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 411**

**Program No. Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency (TUSMA)**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Travel costs department**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer:**

1. From 7 September 2013 to 31 March 2014 the agency spend for travel (flights and accommodation) was \$25,921.02 (GST Inclusive). All travel relates to achieving agency deliverables. The agency does not record travel in a way that would readily allow individual components of travel to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
2. TUSMA anticipates that there will be future travel planned for the remainder of this calendar year that relate to the agency deliverables.