

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Travel Costs

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** AI-46

1. From 7 September 2013, 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 include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. 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.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**ANSWER**

Please refer to SI-168 for details on travel costs for the period 7 September 2013 to 30 November 2013.

1. No departmental officers accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on international travel from 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014.
2. Travel by departmental officials is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the efficient, effective, ethical and economical use of resources. Details on all travel for departmental officers for the period 1 December 2013 to 28 February 2014 is as follows:

	<b>Domestic</b> <b>\$</b> <b>(GST exclusive)</b>	<b>Overseas</b> <b>\$</b> <b>(GST exclusive)</b>
<b>Airfares</b>	632,643	329,779
<b>Accommodation, Meals and Incidentals</b>	453,356	131,849
<b>Travel Expenses</b>	609,373	11,260

To provide further breakdown would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3. Future travel is dependent on business requirements and business areas operating budgets. Travel by departmental officials is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the efficient, effective, ethical and economical use of resources.