

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Department of the Senate

Budget Estimates

26-30 May 2014

Question: 12
Topic: Travel costs
Written: 12 June 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, 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. Since Additional Estimates in February 2014, 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:

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

The department has spent \$110,278 on travel since 24 February 2014. The majority of the department's travel relates to the support of Senate Committees and support to Parliamentary delegations.

Air Fares	\$ 66,852
Car Hire/Taxis	\$ 9,254
Accommodation/Meals	\$ 32,110
Incidental Travel Expenses	\$ 2,062
Total	\$ 110,278