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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: International travel

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bushby

QUESTION No.: BI-90

1. How does the international travel of Departmental staff formally receive approval, and how is the budget for international travel determined each year?
2. What has been the total cost of all of the Department's international travel for 2012-13?

ANSWER

1. To undertake international travel an Overseas Visit Authority (OVA) form must be submitted for formal approval by a Head of Division or above. The budget for international travel is determined by operational requirements.
2. The total cost of international travel for the department from 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013 is \$3,445,009 (GST inclusive). This includes the climate change functions from 25 March 2013 following machinery of government changes.