

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-088

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: TRAVEL COSTS

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.

Answer:

1 July 2011 to 14 Dec 2011						14 Dec 2011 to 15 Feb 2012					
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost incl. GST	Flights	Travel Allowance	Accommodation	Additional Expenses	Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost incl. GST	Flights	Travel Allowance	Accommodation	Additional Expenses
Minister for Health & Ageing <sup>1</sup>	Nil					Minister for Health <sup>2</sup>	Nil				
1 July 2011 to 15 Feb 2012											
Minister / Parliamentary Secretary	Total cost incl. GST	Flights	Travel Allowance	Accommodation	Additional Expenses						
Minister for Mental Health & Ageing	Nil										
Minister for Indigenous Health	\$5,643.48	\$4080.78	\$805.70	\$734.00	\$23.00						
Parliamentary Secretary for Health & Ageing	Nil										

\*\*\* It is not possible to individually report on all the separate items requested in the question as costs are met by individual travellers from domestic travelling allowances paid as a daily rate. The Department of Health and Ageing does not meet the cost of security, gifts or entertainment. All flights are booked in economy class. All travel taken was to accompany the Minister to a meeting or an event in order to undertake portfolio related business. \*\*\*

1 **Minister for Health & Ageing:** Prior to Ministerial changes on 14 December 2011.

2 **Minister for Health:** Following Ministerial changes on 14 December 2011.