

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 13 and 15 February 2013

Question: E13-098

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Travel Costs

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.

Answer:

Yes.

Lounge memberships may be provided to SES staff and frequent travellers. SES staff members are entitled to receive lounge membership as part of their remuneration package. Frequent Travellers may apply to their Branch Heads for lounge membership.

During the period 1 October 2012 to 31 January 2013 the Department of Health and Ageing spent \$11,092 (GST exclusive), for the purchase of 36 lounge memberships for periods ranging from one to three years.

Classification	Number	Cost
SES	16	\$ 4,226
Non-SES	20	\$6,866
TOTAL	36	\$11,092