Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Travel Costs

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Senator Boyce asked:

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:

Under FaHCSIA's Enterprise Agreement 2012-14, airline membership can be provided to an employee who is likely to be travelling regularly by air on FaHCSIA business.

As at 31 January 2013, 84 SES employees, 245 Executive Level employees and 61 APS employees were provided with Qantas Club membership. Five SES Employees, 14 Executive Level employees and 4 APS employees were provided with Virgin Velocity membership.

The total cost of airline memberships for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013 was \$37,827 (GST exclusive).