

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES - 27 FEBRUARY 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Sochi Olympic Winter Games

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) Did the Minister attend the Sochi Winter Olympics?
 - 1) If so, who accompanied the Minister?
 - 2) Detail the total cost of the trip, broken down by airfare, accommodation, incidentals, security arrangements and any other expenditure?
 - 3) What class of airfare did the minister and each of those accompanying the minister travel?
- b) List the Minister's itinerary for the trip, including meetings and events attended.
 - 1) Who arranged each of these meetings?
 - 2) Who initiated each of the meeting requests for the minister's appointments? The Minister, the department, his office or the person he met with?
- c) Did the department secretary accompany the Minister to the Sochi Olympics?
 - 1) List the other international trips the Department Secretary has attended with the Minister.
 - 2) Who made the decision for the secretary to attend? Please detail the approval process and table the relating documents for the departmental secretary to attend, including who made the initial request for the departmental secretary to attend.
- d) Did the Minister write to the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's delegate seeking approval of the trip to the Sochi games?
 - 1) If so, when did he write?
 - 2) If so, when was a reply received?
 - 3) If so, were revisions sought?
 - i) If so, what were they?
 - 4) If so, did the Minister need to make more than one request for the approval of the Prime Minister for the trip?
 - 5) If not, did someone else write on the Minister's behalf? If so, who, on what date and when was a reply received and by whom?

- e) Did the letter seeking approval from the Prime Minister detail who would be attending the games with the Minister?
 - 1) Did this include the department secretary attending the games?
 - i) If not, why not?
- f) Did the Prime Minister make any requests, either formally or informally, that the secretary was to attend the games with the Minister?
 - 1) If so, when?
 - 2) If so, in what format?
 - 3) If so, provide those documents

Answer:

- a) No.
- b) Not applicable.
- c) Not applicable.
- d) No.
- e) Not applicable.
- f) Not applicable.