

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 362

Topic: Travel costs

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Senator Smith asked:

For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, Departmental officers who accompanied a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary on official travel incurred the following costs (GST exclusive).

Fares	Accommodation	Travelling Allowance	Other	Total
\$133,837	\$27,465	\$18,582	\$4,349	\$184,233

The classification of “Other” includes officers’ expenses where no travel allowance has been claimed, such as bus hire, venue hire and additional vehicle hire.

The FaHCSIA policy for travel aligns with the Whole of Government approach.