

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 363

Topic: Travel costs

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Senator Smith asked:

1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
2. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, the Department's expenditure on travel was \$10,748,514 (GST exclusive).

Airfares	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Other	Total
\$5,598,410	\$2,452,443	\$2,557,234	\$140,427	\$10,748,514

The classification of "Other" includes officers' expenses where no travel allowance has been claimed, such as bus and vehicles hire, parking fees and venue hire.

Travel is undertaken where business objectives require.

Travel for the rest of the calendar year is subject to business requirements.