

AMENDED RESPONSE

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-11, 20 October 2010

Question: E10-114

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

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Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

- a) What were the costs to the Department?
- b) What were the travel costs for Departmental officers?
- c) What involvement did the Department have?

Answer:

- a) Total cost to the Department = \$31,917.41 (includes travel as outlined below in addition to \$8,526.60 for official hospitality functions in France and Malaysia during October 2010).
- b) Travel costs for Departmental officers who travelled specifically to support the Minister are as follows:

Ms Jane Halton – accompanied the Minister to France & Malaysia

Airfares	= \$17,888.46
Accommodation	= \$1,688.07
Travel Allowance (including reimbursement of costs)	= \$2,395.52
Total cost of round trip	= \$21,972.05

Part Time Officer - accompanied the Minister to France from Brussels

Train travel from Brussels	= \$320.04
Accommodation	= \$621.18
Travel Allowance	= \$477.54
Total	= \$1,418.76

- c) The Department was involved in liaison with Posts to arrange transport, accommodation, briefings and some bilateral meetings throughout the program. The Department liaised with the OECD in relation to the Minister's official roles as Chair of the Forum on Quality of Care, Vice-Chair of the Ministerial Meeting and Host of the official reception for Ministers. The Department contributed to the costs of the latter event. The Department also provided support to the Minister on the ground in Paris and Putrajaya (related costs of Departmental officers' travel costs above). Other than Ms Halton, no Departmental officers travelled specifically to support the Minister in Putrajaya.