

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Question:

- a) How much (if anything) did the department spend overall on travel in the financial year:
 1. 2010-2011?
 2. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
- b) How much (if anything) did the department spend on travel broken down by Program in the financial year:
 1. 2010-2011?
 2. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
- c) How much (if anything) did CRS Australia spend overall on travel in the financial year:
 1. 2010-2011?
 2. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
- d) How much (if anything) did the department spend overall on:
 1. Domestic travel in the financial year
 - i. 2010-2011?
 - ii. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
 2. International travel in the financial year
 - i. 2010-2011?
 - ii. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
 3. Business class travel in the financial year:
 - i. 2010-2011?
 - ii. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
 4. Economy class travel in the financial year:
 - i. 2010-2011?
 - ii. 2011-2012 (estimated)?
- e) How much (if anything) did the department spend broken down by Program on:
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 - i. 2010-2011?
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- f) How much (if anything) did CRS Australia spend overall on:
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Answer:

- a) 1. \$19,547,224.
2. At this stage of the financial year it is not possible to accurately estimate whole-of-year expenditure.
- b), c) 1. The 2010-11 DHS standard staff air travel spend comprised:
 DHS (excluding CRS Australia): \$ 3,186,914;
 CRS Australia: \$946,721;
 Centrelink: \$12,640,443; and
 Medicare Australia: \$2,773,146.
2. As the former agencies of Centrelink, DHS (which includes CRS Australia and the Child Support Program) and Medicare Australia integrated to form DHS on 1 July 2011, there is no longer a meaningful breakdown of travel expenditure by program.
- d) 1. i. \$18,972,330.
 ii. See (a)(2).
2. i. \$574,894.
 ii. See (a)(2).
3. i. An analysis to differentiate business class from economy class expenditure would require manual analysis of large numbers of travel records, and would accordingly represent an unreasonable diversion of resources.
 ii. See (a)(2).
4. i. See answer (d)(3)(i).
 ii. See (a)(2).
- e) 1. i. The 2010-11 DHS domestic travel spend comprised:
 DHS domestic travel (excluding CRS Australia): \$3,116,734;
 CRS Australia domestic travel: \$921,689;
 Centrelink domestic travel: \$12,250,814; and
 Medicare Australia domestic travel \$2,683,093.
 ii. See answer (b)(2).
2. i. The 2010-11 DHS international travel spend comprised:
 DHS international travel (excluding CRS Australia): \$70,180;
 CRS Australia international travel: \$25,032;

Centrelink international travel: \$389,629; and
Medicare Australia international travel: \$90,053.

- ii. See answer (b)(2).
- 3. i. See answer (d)(3)(i).
 - ii. See answer (b)(2).
- 4. i. See answer (d)(3)(i).
 - ii. See answer (b)(2).
- f) Please refer to responses to questions (e)(1) to (e)(4).