

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012, 19 October

Question: E11- 064

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: TRAVEL COSTS

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type - i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
- b) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
- c) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.

Answer:

- a) The Department does not hold information about travel costs for Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff as these arrangements are administered by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- b) As above.
- c) The breakdown of costs spent by departmental officers accompanying Ministers or the Parliamentary Secretary is as follows (GST inclusive):

Minister for Health and Ageing: \$ Nil

Minister for Mental Health and Ageing: \$ Nil

Minister for Indigenous Health:

Flights \$4,080.78 Accommodation \$734.00 Allowances \$ Nil

Parliamentary Secretary: \$ Nil

All flights are booked in economy class. All travel taken was to accompany the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary to a meeting or an event in order to undertake Portfolio related business. It is not possible to individually report on all the separate items requested in the question as these costs (if applicable) are met by individual travellers from domestic travelling allowances paid as a daily rate. The Department of Health and Ageing does not meet the cost of security, gifts or entertainment.