

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 55

Topic: Travel Costs

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Senator McKenzie asked:

For the year FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by employees of each department and agency within each portfolio. 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.

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2011 to 30 September 2011, FaHCSIA's expenditure on travel was \$4,241,787 (GST exclusive). For the same period, travel expenditure by Portfolio Agencies was \$2,045,929 (GST exclusive).

	Airfares	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Other	Total
Departmental	\$2,299,501	\$785,732	\$705,430	\$451,124	\$4,241,787
Portfolio Agencies	\$1,000,956	\$299,346	\$559,780	\$185,847	\$2,045,929

The information was obtained from the General Ledger in the Department's Financial Management System. The Department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to the remaining questions. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve a significant diversion of Departmental resources.

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