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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

Senator FIFIELD: How much did DHS spend on staff travel in 2011-12?

Ms Bennett: The department spent, in the 2011-12 financial year, \$21,345,068 on staff travel.

Senator FIFIELD: And that includes planes, taxis, cars?

Ms Bennett: Yes, it does.

Senator FIFIELD: Could you provide, on notice if you need to, a breakdown by the type of travel.

Ms Bennett: We provided that information, I understand, in HS82.

Senator FIFIELD: Okay.

Ms Bennett: Which I do not have a copy of with me.

Senator FIFIELD: No, that is fine. If it is there, it is there.

Ms Bennett: It went to 31 March, for the last estimates.

Senator FIFIELD: Okay, could you update—

Ms Bennett: Provide it to 30 June?

Senator FIFIELD: Yes, thank you.

Ms Campbell: Yes, we will update it to the end of the financial year.

Senator FIFIELD: And does that information include the class of travel, for air travel?

Ms Bennett: I would have to check that, Senator.

Answer:

Expenditure for staff travel for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$21,345,068 (GST inclusive), which included domestic and international air travel, bus, sea, rail, air charter travel, and travel management and administrative fees. This figure does not include taxis and car hire.

The expenditure for travel for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 comprised:

- \$17,902,009 for domestic economy class travel;
- \$2,117,851 for domestic business class travel;

- \$209,634 for international travel; and
- \$1,115,574 for travel related fees.

Detailed information relating to taxi costs is available in HS 115.

Total expenditure on staff car hire for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 was \$1,401,135 (GST inclusive).

Additional travel information has been provided in HS 103 and 104.