

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 124

Topic: Travel costs

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?

Answer:

Non-SES staff travel economy class except where a valid health issue exists which necessitates upgrading to business class.

SES staff travel economy class between Canberra/Melbourne and Canberra/Sydney unless there is a medical or very strong business reason to warrant business class travel, or where Canberra, Melbourne or Sydney are not the end destinations. On other trips, business class fares may be utilised. However, SES employees are encouraged to travel economy class where it is practicable.