

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Travel Costs - Ministerial

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Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:

- a) Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
- b) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip.
- c) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
- d) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister / parliamentary secretary.
- e) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

- a) – d) The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all agencies.
- e) Generally ministerial travel plans are only released just prior to the event.