

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates February 2017**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 24**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017**

**Topic: Travel with Minister**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. For 2015-16, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that includes airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).

**Answer:**

1. For the financial year to date, one Departmental Officer accompanied the Minister for Regional Communications on official travel. Details are below:

<b>Date of travel</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Cost of airfare and type</b>	<b>Cost of accommodation</b>	<b>Cost of meals</b>	<b>Cost of other travel expenses</b>
12/12/2016	Norfolk Island (travel with Minister Nash)	NIL – travelled as departmental officer with Minister on SPA. See Guidelines for the use of Special Purpose Aircraft Section 18 & 19a, b & c.	130.00	NIL	NIL

2. For 2015-16, no Departmental officers accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.