

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings June 2014

Communications Portfolio

Special Broadcasting Service

Question No: 426

Program No. SBS

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Travel costs - department

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Since 25 February 2014, 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 include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. Since 25 February 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. Nil
2. Total cost for travel \$521,050. This includes fares, travel allowance and accommodation. A further breakdown is not available as SBS does not record this information in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided to this question without involving an unreasonable diversion of resources.
3. Travel is arranged according to operational requirements. Many are related to breaking news and current affairs stories and are impossible to predict in advance.