

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

**Question No:** 319  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE TRAVEL COSTS - ACCOMPANYING MINISTER  
OR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment:***

The Department does not retain separate records of departmental officers that accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary; it is therefore not possible to provide this information in full; however, the Department can advise that since Budget Estimates in May 2014:

- a Deputy Secretary accompanied the Minister to visit the Department's Australian Antarctic Division in Hobart 19 May 2014. The total cost was \$1,686, which was for business class airfares.
- a Deputy Secretary accompanied the Minister to Europe to attend outreach meetings on the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area 15-17 September 2014. The total cost of travel, which included separate meetings 18-19 September was \$17,309: business class airfares - \$13,762; accommodation - \$2,839; meals & incidentals - \$381; other expenses - \$327.

***Director of National Parks:***

The Director of National Parks does not retain separate records of departmental officers that accompanied the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary; it is therefore not possible to provide this information.

***Bureau of Meteorology:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***Clean Energy Regulator:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***Climate Change Authority:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***Murray-Darling Basin Authority:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***National Water Commission:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

***Sydney Harbour Federation Trust:***

No officers have accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.