

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 1230-1232

Topic: Travel costs – department (IGT)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1230. From 7 September 2013, 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).
1231. From 7 September 2013, 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.
1232. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1230. Nil.
1231. The agency has national responsibility and operates out of a single office location. In conducting reviews, fieldwork involves meeting with taxpayers and Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff throughout Australia. Total domestic flight expenditure for the period between 1st September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is \$19,927.08. Total international flight expenditure for the period between 1st September 2013 to 28 February 2014 is nil. The agency's travel is arranged by the Department of Treasury under a service level agreement. The Treasury advised that its reporting system is unable to break down classes of travel. For the period between 1st September 2013 to 28 February 2014, total travel allowance expenditure for domestic is \$5,782 and international is nil. Whole-of Australian Government (WoAG) and Travel Management charges for the period between 1st September 2013 to 28 February 2014 \$440.
1232. The agency has national responsibility and operates out of a single office location. In conducting reviews, fieldwork involves meeting with taxpayers and ATO staff throughout Australia. Travel to effect these duties is therefore expected and conducted as required.