

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

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**Answer:**

2724 Not Applicable

2725 **DOMESTIC**

Forum Conceptual Framework – Sydney 15/10/2013

Reason: to receive feedback from constituents

|              |                  |            |
|--------------|------------------|------------|
| 4 AASB staff | Total Cost       | \$ 1617.06 |
|              | Economy airfares | \$ 901.00  |
|              | Meals and taxis  | \$ 716.06  |
|              | Accommodation    | \$ 0.00    |

Forum Conceptual Framework – Canberra 15/10/2013

Reason: to receive feedback from constituents

|              |                  |            |
|--------------|------------------|------------|
| 4 AASB staff | Total Cost       | \$ 1795.92 |
|              | Economy airfares | \$ 1288.16 |
|              | Meals and taxis  | \$ 507.76  |
|              | Accommodation    | \$ 0.00    |

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AASB ITC Manger working at Productivity Commission Office– Canberra 7-9/11/2013

Reason: Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Project

|              |                  |           |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 AASB staff | Total Cost       | \$ 877.26 |
|              | Economy airfares | \$ 199.66 |
|              | Meals and taxis  | \$ 326.65 |
|              | Accommodation    | \$ 350.95 |

Senate Estimates Committee 21/11/13

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|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 AASB staff | Total Cost       | \$ 479.29 |
|              | Economy airfares | \$ 322.04 |
|              | Accommodation    | \$ 157.25 |

Treasury Portfolio CIO meeting Canberra 25/2/2014

Reason: Liaison with other Agency

|              |                  |           |
|--------------|------------------|-----------|
| 2 AASB staff | Total Cost       | \$ 780.74 |
|              | Economy airfares | \$ 780.74 |
|              | Meals and taxis  | \$ OS     |

#### INTERNATIONAL

AOSSG / WSS / ASAF London & IFASS Brussels Sep'13

Reason: to represent Australia's views internationally

|              |                          |              |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2 AASB staff | Total Cost               | \$ 16,339.10 |
|              | Premium Economy airfares | \$ 7,322.15  |
|              | Meals and taxis          | \$ 1,540.71  |
|              | Accommodation            | \$ 7,476.24  |

Regional Standards Setter Singapore Oct'13

Reason: to represent Australia's views internationally

|              |                 |             |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 AASB Staff | Total Cost      | \$ 1,603.46 |
|              | Economy airfare | \$ 1 235.57 |
|              | Meals and taxis | \$ 69.25    |
|              | Accommodation   | \$ 298.64   |

Nov'13 NZASB Wellington

Reason: to represent Australia's views

|              |                 |             |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 AASB Staff | Total Cost      | \$ 1,340.20 |
|              | Economy airfare | \$ 591.97   |
|              | Meals and taxis | \$ 192.67   |
|              | Accommodation   | \$ 555.56   |

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AOSSG Colombo/ ASAF London Dec'13 – attend meetings

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|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 4 AASB staff | Total Cost               | \$ 26,260.29 |
|              | Premium Economy airfares | \$ 16,506.22 |
|              | Meals and taxis          | \$ 1,837.58  |
|              | Accommodation            | \$ 7,916.49  |

IFRS / ICAEW Conference London Dec'13 – attend meetings

Reason: to represent Australia's views internationally

|              |                          |             |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1 AASB staff | Total Cost               | \$ 6,998.71 |
|              | Premium Economy airfares | \$ 3,881.07 |
|              | Meals and taxis          | \$ 1,410.38 |
|              | Accommodation            | \$ 1,707.26 |

Feb'14 NZASB Wellington

Reason: Chairman's participation in New Zealand Accounting Standards Board – he is a member of that Board under Trans-Tasman cooperation arrangements

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 AASB Staff | Total Cost      | \$ 984.64 |
|              | Economy airfare | \$ 550.66 |
|              | Meals and taxis | \$ 142.36 |
|              | Accommodation   | \$ 291.62 |

NZ FRSB joint meeting Wellington 19/2/14

Reason: Chairman's participation in New Zealand Accounting Standards Board – he is a member of that Board under Trans-Tasman cooperation arrangements

|              |                 |           |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 AASB Staff | Total Cost      | \$ 859.63 |
|              | Economy airfare | \$ 595.94 |
|              | Meals and taxis | \$ 104.27 |
|              | Accommodation   | \$ 159.42 |

ASAF / IFASS London & AOSSG New Dehli Mar'14

Reason: to participate in and contribute to the development of a single set of accounting standards for world-wide by representing Australia's views

|              |                         |             |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 2 AASB Staff | Total Cost              | \$ 9091.92  |
|              | Premium Economy airfare | \$ 7,808.51 |
|              | Meals and taxis         | \$ 1,211.41 |
|              | Accommodation           | \$ 3,609.49 |

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2726 Domestic:

3 Interstate trips per month (Mar – Dec)

International :

NZASB Wellington x 5 meetings

Reason: Chairman's participation in New Zealand Accounting Standards Board – he is a member of that Board under Trans-Tasman cooperation arrangements

1 AASB Staff

ASAF/IFASS (London)

Reason: to participate in and contribute to the development of a single set of accounting standards for world-wide by representing Australia's views internationally

When: June 2014

1 AASB Staff

IFASS / AOSSG / WSS / ASAF (Brussels/London)

Reason: to participate in and contribute to the development of a single set of accounting standards for world-wide by representing Australia's views internationally

When: September 2014

2 AASB Staff

AOSSG Annual Conference (Paris/London)

Reason: to participate in and contribute to the development of a single set of accounting standards for world-wide by representing Australia's views internationally

When: November 2014

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2725 DOMESTIC

APESB-AUASB Roundtable Sydney 25/11/2013

Reason: Liaison with other Agency

2 AUASB staff and 1 board member

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Total Cost        | \$ 2,175.03 |
| Business airfare  | \$ 728.21   |
| 2 Economy airfare | \$ 657.43   |
| Meals and taxis   | \$ 379.33   |
| Accommodation     | \$ 205.45   |

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NZ FRSB joint meeting Wellington 19/2/14

Reason: to represent Australia's views

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|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 AUASB Staff | Total Cost      | \$ 723.49 |
|               | Economy airfare | \$ 686.72 |
|               | Meals and taxis | \$ 69.59  |

2726 Domestic:

1 Interstate trip per month (Mar – Dec)

International:

NZ FRSB joint meeting Wellington x 3

Reason: to represent Australia's views

1 AUASB Staff