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26 February 2014

Question: AET 63-65

Topic: Travel Costs - Department

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

63. 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).
64. 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.
65. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

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Travel Costs Departmental Officers Accompanying Minister (1 Sept - 28 Feb 2014)

	Meeting	Date	Location	Minister	Treasury Officials	Treasury Officials costs	
1	APEC Finance Ministers Meeting	17 - 20 Sept 2013	Bali, Indonesia	Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey MP	x 8	airfare meals accommodation other	\$9,654 \$1,009 \$6,228 \$1,898
2	G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting / IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings / East Asia Summit Finance Ministers Meeting	10 - 13 Oct 2013	Washington, USA	Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey MP	x 10	airfare meals accommodation other	\$94,265 \$8,597 \$42,222 \$6,019
3	G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting	22 - 23 Feb 2014	Sydney, Australia	Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey MP	x 2	airfare meals accommodation other	\$597 \$118 \$0 \$0

3 Accommodation and most meals were provided as part of the Group Booking Package for G20 in Sydney.

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Flight Costs	
Domestic Flight expenditure 1/09/2013 to 28/02/2014 exclusive of GST	\$ 466,759.74
Domestic WoAG and TMC Charges	\$ 20,125.81
International Flight expenditure 1/09/2013 to 28/02/2014 No GST applicable	\$ 759,452.81
International WoAG and TMC Charges	\$ 16,601.01
Travel Allowance (TA)	
Total Domestic Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation, TA, Part Day TA)	\$ 776,652.68
Total International Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation and TA)	\$ 293,920.87

Note: Alcohol, gifts and entertainment are not paid to staff and are not included in these figures

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided in relation to class of travel. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Travel was undertaken to meet business operational requirements.

65. Travel will be undertaken to meet operational business requirements for the remainder of the calendar year.

Travel is also planned for the following G20 meetings

April	G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting	Washington
April	G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Washington
May	G20 Tax Symposium	Japan
June	G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Melbourne
June	G20 Joint Finance and Central Bank Governors Meeting	Melbourne
July	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting	Sydney

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September	G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Cairns
September	G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting	Cairns
October	G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting	Washington
October	G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting	Washington
November	G20 Leaders Summit	Brisbane