Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 66-67

Topic: Travel Costs - Ministerial

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 66. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister / Parliamentary Secretary
 - a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
 - b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
 - c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister / Parliamentary Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister / Parliamentary Secretary.
- 67. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

66. a, b & c. The following relates only to international travel conducted by Treasury Portfolio Ministers for the period 7 September 2013 until 5 March 2014. The Treasury does not have any involvement with domestic travel for Treasury Portfolio Ministers. The Treasury does not hold information regarding the cost of each international visit.

TRIP 1

Minister:	Treasurer				
Meeting:	Attend APEC Finance Ministers Meeting				
Date:	18-21 September 2013				
Location:	Bali, Indonesia				
Accompanying Staff:	Mr Grant Lovett		Chief of Staff		
	Mr Anthony Ritchie		Media Adviser		
Method of Travel:	Special Purpose Aircraft	Class of Travel		N/A	

FLIGHT ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

1845	Depart Canberra for Denpasar Bali on RAAF Special Purpose Aircraft – ASY348
2335	Arrive Denpasar Bali
SATURDAY	21 SEPTEMBER
0900	Depart Denpasar Bali for Sydney on RAAF Special Purpose Aircraft – ASY348

1640 Arrive Sydney

TRIP 2

Minister:	Treasurer				
Meeting:	Attend G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting / IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings (Washington) and meetings with key players in the global financial markets (New York)				
Date:	8-17 October 2013				
Location:	Washington and New York, USA				
Accompanying Staff:	Mr Grant Lovett		Chief of Staff		
	Mr Anthony Ritchie		Media Adviser		
Method of Travel:	Commercial	Class of Travel		Business	

FLIGHT ITINERARY

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER

1405	Depart Sydney for Los Angeles on Qantas Airways flight QF11	
0945	Arrive Los Angeles	
1314	Depart Los Angeles for Washington on United Airlines flight UA653	
2110	Arrive Washington	
SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER		
0900	Depart Union Station on 2250 Acela Express	
1152	Arrive New York Penn Station	
TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER		
1630	Depart New York for Los Angeles on Qantas flight QF3112 (operated by American Airlines)	
1940	Arrive Los Angeles	
2210	Depart Los Angeles for Sydney on Qantas flight QF12	
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THURSDAY 17 OCTOBER

0710 Arrive Sydney

67. The following relates only to international travel by Treasury Portfolio Minister's for the period June to December 2014

Treasury Portfolio Ministers would be expected to travel internationally to attend meetings relating to their portfolio responsibilities for the remainder of the calendar year. These include the Treasurer's attendance at key international meetings such as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting (as host) / IMF/World Bank Annual meetings in Washington in October and the APEC Finance Ministers meeting in Beijing also in October.