

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2014-15
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Travel Costs - Department

REFERENCE: Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: BI-146

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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).
2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

ANSWER

1. This information was also requested in question on notice BI-147. Please refer to the response to that question.
2. Details on all travel expenses for departmental officers for the period 1 March to 30 June 2014 is as follows:

	Domestic \$ (GST exclusive)	Overseas \$ (GST exclusive)
Airfares	\$1,485,144	\$421,526
Accommodation, Meals and Incidentals	\$1,270,478	\$214,568
Travel Expenses (inc. taxis)	\$1,136,155	\$78,246

Travel by departmental officials is undertaken to meet business requirements. To provide further breakdown would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3. Future travel is dependent on business requirements and business areas operating budgets. Travel by departmental officials is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the effective, efficient, ethical and economical use of resources.