

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Travel Costs –Ministerial

**REFERENCE:** Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

**QUESTION No.:** BI-147

1. From Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip.
3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and.
4. 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.
5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**ANSWER**

- 1-3. The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all agencies.
4. Staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary for the period 28 February 2014 to 30 June 2014 on international travel is detailed below:

One departmental official accompanied the Minister for Industry in attending the 5th meeting of APEC Ministers responsible for mining in Beijing and bilateral visits in Hong Kong – 26 June to 1 July 2014.

Staff Classification	Airplane Class	Total Costs (\$)
Associate Secretary	Business	Airfare - \$4,860 Incidentals – \$310.50

\*As at 30 June 2014, details regarding meals, ground transport and accommodation are unavailable as the officer is still travelling.

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