

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
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Department/ Agency: Treasury

Question: BET1078-1080

Topic: Travel Costs - Department

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Senator: Ludwig

Question

1078. 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).
1079. 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.
1080. 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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Meeting	Date	Location	Minister	Treasury Officials	Treasury Officials costs	
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting / IMF/World Bank Spring Meetings	7-13 April 2014	Washington, USA	Treasurer , the Hon. Joe Hockey MP Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer , the Hon Steven Ciobo MP	x 33	Airfares Meals Accommodation Other	\$195,394.18 \$ 21,965.62 \$109,726.90 \$ 10,936.22
Australian Government Trade, Investment and Tourism Mission – Australia Week in China	7-12 April 2014	Guangzhou and Shanghai, Peoples Republic of China	Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer , the Hon Steven Ciobo MP	x Nil	Airfares Meals Accommodation Other	Nil
Asian Development Bank - 47 th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors	2-5 May 2014	Astana, Kazakhstan	Minister for Small Business , the Hon Bruce Billson MP	X 2	Airfares Meals Accommodation Other	\$ 12,828.19 \$1,052.15 \$6,053.85 \$311.79

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Flight Costs	
Domestic Flight expenditure 1/03/2014 to 31/05/2014 exclusive of GST	\$ 380,732.87
Domestic WoAG and TMC Charges	\$12,031.70
International Flight expenditure 1/03/2014 to 31/05/2014 No GST applicable	\$ 721,357.79
International WoAG and TMC Charges	\$ 11,085.57
Travel Allowance (TA)	
Total Domestic Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation, TA, Part Day TA)	\$ 599,562.24
Total International Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation and TA)	\$404,844.57

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.

1080. 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:

July	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting	Sydney
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