Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Treasury Portfolio Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ABS **Question:** BET 1248-1250 **Topic:** Travel Costs - Departmental **Reference:** Written – 12 June 2014 **Senator:** Ludwig

Question:

- 1248. 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).
- 1249. 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.
- 1250. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

- 1248. Not applicable.
- 1249. The total cost of all travel related expenditure for the period 26 February 2014 to 12 June 2014 was \$3,736,523 (exclusive of GST). The travel has been undertaken to meet a range of work program objectives including the development of the Census of Population and Housing and delivery of the household survey program.
- 1250. The travel to be undertaken for the rest of this financial year will be essential to effectively meeting program objectives including engagement on the 2016 Census of Population and Housing and broader statistical work program.