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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/ Agency: Office of the Inspector-General of Taxation

Question: BET 2576-2578

Topic: Travel Costs - Department

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2576. 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).
2577. 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.
2578. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

2576. Nil.
2577. The Agency has national responsibility and operates out of a single office location. In conducting reviews, fieldwork involves meeting with taxpayers and Australian Taxation Office (ATO) staff throughout Australia. Total flight expenditure for the period between 1st March 2014 to 31st May 2014 is \$11,618. The agency's travel is arranged by the Department of Treasury under a service level agreement. The Treasury advised that its reporting system is unable to break down classes of travel. For the period between 1st March 2014 to 31st May 2014, total travel allowance expenditure is \$2,223. Whole-of Australian Government (WoAG) and Travel Management charges for the period between 1st March 2014 to 31st May 2014 \$255.
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