Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: National Competition Council

Question: BET 2742-2744

Topic: Travel Costs

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2742. 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).

2743. 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.

2744. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

2742. Nil.

2743. Travel by NCC President and Councillors to attend NCC meeting and NCC President to undertake other NCC work in Melbourne and attend Portfolio Agency Heads meeting in Canberra. Travel Melbourne-Canberra return by NCC Executive Director to attend Senate Estimates in Canberra and a meeting with the Secretary of Treasury and Melbourne-Sydney return to attend Utility Regulators Forum. Total cost to 31 May 2014 was \$11,233.59 excluding GST comprising: Airfares \$8,112.97 (\$7,520.79 business class, \$592.18 economy)

Accommodation \$1,596.37

Meals \$19.84

Taxis \$1,504.41

2744. NCC President and Councillors to attend two meetings in Melbourne and NCC President to attend to other NCC business in Melbourne.