

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBT 344-351

Topic: Travel

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

344. For the financial year to date, please 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).
345. For the financial year to date, please 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.
346. What travel is planned for the rest of the financial year from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
347. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
348. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?
349. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.
350. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.
351. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?

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FYTD Travel Costs Departmental Officers Accompanying Minister (1 July - 25 Nov 2013)

Meeting	Date	Location	Minister	Treasury Officials	Treasury Officials costs	
					air	meals
Pacific Islands Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM)	3 - 5 Jul 2013	Nukualofa, Tonga	Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer, The Hon Bernie Ripoll MP	x 2	air	\$4,738
					meals	\$618
					accomm	\$2,212
					other	\$844
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting	19 - 20 Jul 2013	Moscow, Russian Fed	Treasurer, The Hon Chris Bowen MP	x 9	air	\$82,895
					meals	\$7,042
					accomm	\$18,821
					other	\$4,709
APEC Finance Ministers Meeting	17 - 20 Sept 2013	Bali, Indonesia	Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey MP	x 8	air	\$9,654
					meals	\$1,009
					accomm	\$6,228
					other	\$1,898
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting / IMF/World Bank Annual Meetings / East Asia Summit Finance Ministers Meeting	10 - 13 Oct 2013	Washington, USA	Treasurer, The Hon Joe Hockey MP	x 10	air	\$94,265
					meals	\$8,597
					accomm	\$42,222
					other	\$6,019

Other - Incidentals and other travel expenditure (such as ground transport, passports etc)

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Domestic Flight expenditure 1/7/2013 to 30/11/2013 exclusive of GST	\$ 426,021
Domestic WoAG and TMC Charges	\$ 16,272
International Flight expenditure 1/7/2013 to 30/11/2013 No GST applicable	\$ 755,265
International WoAG and TMC Charges	\$ 14,606
Travel Allowance	
Total Domestic Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation, TA, Part Day TA)	\$ 248,736
Total International Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation and TA) Note: Alcohol, gifts and entertainment are not paid to staff and are not included in these figures	\$ 267,403

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.

346. Travel will be undertaken to meet operational business requirements for the remainder of the financial year.
347. Travel will be undertaken to meet operational business requirements for the remainder of the calendar year.
348. Treasury International Travel policy provides for travel at Business Class. Treasury Domestic Travel policy provides for travel at economy class for Non SES. SES employees have an entitlement to travel Business Class domestically; however policy is for Canberra – Sydney at economy.
349. SES employees have an entitlement to airline lounge membership. Non SES employees are able to access lounge membership subject to appropriate approval on the basis of frequency of travel in accordance with the CEIs. This is reviewed on an annual basis. Cost for period 1 July 2013 to 30 November \$ 6,588.
350. Not in the period 1 July -30 November 2013.
351. No, the WoAG fares do not include a component for the purchase of Carbon Offsets / Carbon Credits.