

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio (AOFM)

Supplementary Budget Estimates

20-21 November 2013

Question: SBT 368-375

Topic: Travel Costs

Written: 25 November 2013

Senators LUDWIG and WONG asked:

368. 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).
369. 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.
370. 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.
371. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
372. What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?
373. 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.
374. 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.
375. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?

Answer:

368. Nil.

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369. For the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 November 2013, total travel expenses incurred are as follows:

| Travel Type | Amount |
|--|----------------|
| Domestic | |
| Domestic Airfares | 24,147 |
| Domestic Allowances | 8,085 |
| Domestic Accommodation | 8,541 |
| International | |
| International Airfares | 82,251 |
| International Allowances (include accommodation) | 32,449 |
| Total Travel Expenses | 155,473 |

Allowances figures are inclusive of accommodation where indicated, meals and incidentals. Alcohol, gifts and entertainment are not paid to staff and are not included in these figures. Our reporting system is not able to break down classes of travel - it can be assumed that all international travel is business class.

The travel was largely for:

- promotion of government securities;
- market liaison;
- conducting due diligence on RMBS investments;
- attendance at international debt management meetings; and
- attendance at conferences, events and training courses.

370. The following trips are currently planned for the period beyond 31 December 2013. Trips planned for December 2013 are included in the answer to question 371 below.

| Travel Type | # Days |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Domestic | 28 |
| International | 1 |
| TOTAL | 29 |

The trips are for the following:

- conducting due diligence on RMBS investments;
- attendance at courses, events and conferences; and
- return of staff member from international deployment.

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371. The following trips are planned for the remainder of the calendar year from 30 November 2013 to 31 December 2013.

| Trip Type | Total Cost \$ |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Domestic Travel | 570 |
| International Travel | 20,429 |
| Total Planned Travel | 20,998 |

The trips are for the following:

- the Australian Government fixed income forum in Tokyo; and
- promotion of government securities.

372. The AOFM's policy is for all domestic travel to be economy class unless it is undertaken as part of an overseas trip. Overseas travel is generally by business class. This policy is applied to all staff including SES.
373. The AOFM does not provide lounge memberships to employees.
374. No support or administrative staff travelled with SES employees.
375. All the AOFM's travel services are provided by the Department of Treasury. Please see their response to this question.