

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Travel Costs –Ministerial

REFERENCE: Written Questions – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: SI-194

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

ANSWER

- 1-3. The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all agencies.
4. Domestic travel by departmental officials accompanying the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary is not recorded separately from general domestic travel and the provision of the breakdown of this information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. No departmental officials accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on international travel between 1 July and 31 October 2014.
5. Future travel is dependent on business requirements and business operating budgets. Travel is undertaken to meet business requirements while ensuring the efficient, effective, ethical and economical use of resources.