Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: CAMAC Question: SBT2819-2824

Topic: Travel costs - department (CAMAC) Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- 2819. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?
 - a) If so, under what policy?
 - b) Provide a copy of that policy.
 - c) When was this policy implemented?
- 2820. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.A. Detail the process.
- 2821. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?
- 2822. Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).
- 2823. 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.
 - a) What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel?
 - b) What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?
- 2824. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

2819: CAMAC follows the Australian Government's 'whole-of-government travel policy' that is managed by the Department of Finance.

2820 and 2821: N/A

2822 and 2824: None

2823: In July 2014, at the invitation of the Department of Communications, the CAMAC Executive Director presented at a Conference in Auckland New Zealand on crowd sourced equity funding. Travel was approved, in writing, by the CAMAC Convenor.

The airfare and taxi travel costs of the Executive Director to attend the Conference were \$842.44, and his accommodation costs were \$555.49.