

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Ministerial International Travel

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Bilyk

QUESTION No.: SI-107

In relation to any international travel undertaken in 2015 by the current or former Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries/Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following please be provided to the Senate:

- a. A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip;
- b. An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights;
- c. Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;
- d. Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip;
- e. Details of any spouse travel;
- f. Copies of receipts for any other ground transport; and
- g. Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation.

ANSWER

- a. A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip is at Attachment A.
 - Former Minister Ian Macfarlane – USA, April 2015
 - Former Minister Ian Macfarlane – China, June-July 2015
 - Former Minister Ian Macfarlane – Thailand, July 2015
 - Minister Josh Frydenberg – Turkey, September-October 2015
 - Minister Josh Frydenberg – Philippines and Japan, October 2015
 - Assistant Minister Karen Andrews – Korea and Singapore, October 2015
 - Assistant Minister Wyatt Roy – Israel, October-November 2015
- b. An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights
 - Class of travel is business class.
 - The Department of Finance is the responsible agency to provide information on itemised costs.
- c. Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;
 - The Department of Finance is the responsible agency to provide this information
- d. Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip;
 - The Department of Finance is the responsible agency to provide this information.
- e. Details of any spouse travel;
 - No spouses travelled.
- f. Copies of receipts for any other ground transport; and
 - The Department of Finance is the responsible agency to provide this information.
- g. Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation.
 - The Department of Finance is the responsible agency to provide this information

