

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000455

Senator Bilyk provided in writing.

Question

Ministerial international travel

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

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

Answer

Costs of official travel by Ministers and Assistant Ministers and their staff are met by the Department of Finance (DoF). Any questions regarding those costs or arrangements should be referred to DoF.