

**Question: 20**

**Topic: Travel costs – department**

**Written: 7 March 2014**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. From 7 September 2013, 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).
2. From 7 September 2013, 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.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer:**

As a parliamentary department, the department does not report to a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.

The department has spent \$45,349 on travel since 7 September 2013. The majority of the department's travel relates to the support of Senate Committees and support to Parliamentary delegations.

Commercial Air Fares	\$ 25,744
Charter Flights	\$ 0
Car Hire/Taxis	\$ 9,550
Accommodation/Meals	\$ 9,497
Incidental Travel Expenses	\$ 0
Other travel expenses	\$ 558
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45, 349</b>