

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013–14**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**  
**February 2014**

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**Department** Parliamentary Budget Office  
**Topic** Travel costs - department

**Senator** Senator Ludwig  
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**Type of question** Written

**Question**

- 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, 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**

- 1 Not applicable.
- 2 In November 2013, the First Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Budget Analysis Division chaired meetings at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. The meetings concerned were the OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs, Working Party 2 (WP2) on Tax Policy Analysis and Tax Statistics and the Joint Meeting of Tax and Environment Experts (JMTEE). The total cost for this travel was \$9,608.78, comprising \$8,235.30 for international flights, \$1,090.47 for accommodation and \$283.01 for meals and incidentals.

In November 2013, the Parliamentary Budget Officer presented at the Carnegie Mellon Forum in Adelaide on the role of the Parliamentary Budget Office. The total cost for this travel was \$1,382.78, comprising \$408.38 for domestic flights and \$974.40 for travel allowance and accommodation of which \$768.38 was reimbursed by Carnegie Mellon University.

In January 2014, the First Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Budget Analysis Division attended meetings of the OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs in Paris. The total cost for this travel is \$8,149.63, comprising \$6780.62 for international flights, \$1,125.47 for accommodation and \$243.54 for meals and incidentals.

- 3 In March 2014, the Parliamentary Budget Officer will be attending the 6th Annual Meeting of OECD Parliamentary Budget Officials and Independent Fiscal Institutions in Jerusalem.

In April 2014, the First Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Fiscal Policy Analysis Division, will be attending the 16<sup>th</sup> Banca d'Italia Workshop on Public Finance in Perugia, Italy.

In June and November 2014, the First Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Budget Analysis Division, will be chairing the WP2 and JMTEE meetings in Paris.

In July 2014, the Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer, Fiscal Policy Analysis Division, will be attending the 2014 Economic and Social Outlook Conference in Melbourne.

Travel to these events provides the Parliamentary Budget Office with the opportunity to keep well-informed of relevant domestic and international developments.