

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary;
2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals);
4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary; and
5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. – 4. Details of expenditure for costs related to official travel paid by the Department are published every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance*, available at www.finance.gov.au. To provide this information in an alternative format outside of the normal reporting period would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's resources.
5. Planned travel arrangements are not available to the Department.