

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

Finance Portfolio
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Senator: Wong

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Question:

1. Can the Department provide financial information on the total spend within the APS relating to consultants, for the 2010-11 to 2014-15 financial years, inclusive?
2. Can the Department provide financial information on the total spend within the APS relating to contractors, for the 2010-11 to 2014-15 financial years, inclusive?
3. Can the Department provide financial information on the total spend within the APS relating to travel, for the 2010-11 to 2014-15 financial years, inclusive?

Answer:

1. The Department of Finance does not collect data on APS expenditure on consultants. AusTender data on contracts awarded as consultancies is available at <https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.reports.CN.Consultancy.form>.
2. Finance does not collect data on APS expenditure on contractors. AusTender data on contracts is available at <https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.CN.search>.
3. Expenditure on travel by participating entities through the WoAG travel arrangements is:

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Air Travel	480	504	414	377	388
Accommodation			43	107	120
Car Rental			4	18	19

Please note that the 2012-13 figures for accommodation and car rental are low compared to the other financial years as this was the transition year (the relevant WoAG arrangements commenced on 2 July 2012 and entities transitioned progressively). Expenditure on accommodation and car rental outside the WoAG arrangements for 2012-13 is not captured in this data.