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Topic: President of the Senate – Refund of Official Travel Not Taken

Written: 1 March 2016

Senator Wong asked:

With reference to the President of the Senate's record of expenditure under parliamentary entitlements published by the Department of Finance for the period 1 January to 30 June 2015:

1. Can the President confirm he did not undertake official travel to the United States and Canada from 30 May to 6 June 2015 as indicated in the document?
2. Noting allowances were paid totalling \$1,743.54 with respect to this trip, including equipment allowance of \$430.00, minor official expense advance of \$756.00, related travel expenses of \$16.66 and travel advance of \$540.88, were these allowances repaid to the Department of Finance?
3. If so, on what date/s?

Answer:

The Department of the Senate has had no involvement in the arrangement of this travel.