

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

With reference to each of the visits by the former Minister Carr to the United States of America on 9-14 April 2012 and 22-30 September 2012:

- 1) What was the cost of:
 - a) Air transport;
 - b) Accommodation;
 - c) Land transport;
 - d) Hospitality; and
 - e) Other expenses.
- 2) Please provide details of the accommodation in which the former Minister stayed, by night, and the cost of each night's accommodation.
- 3) The number of personal staff accompanied the Minister, and what functions were undertaken by each staff member.
- 4) For each accompanying personal staff member, what was the cost of their:
 - a) Air transport;
 - b) Accommodation;
 - c) Land transport;
 - d) Hospitality; and
 - e) Other expenses.
- 5) Was the Minister accompanied by any family member; if so, what was the total cost of their:
 - a) Air transport;
 - b) Accommodation;
 - c) Land transport;
 - d) Hospitality; and
 - e) Other expenses.

Answer:

The costs paid by the Department of Finance in relation to Minister Carr's travel to the United States of America for the period 9 – 14 April 2012 were:

	Airfares*	Accommodation	Land Transport	Hospitality	Other Expenses#
Minister	\$33,525.86	Nil	\$8,523.68	Nil	\$1,515.00
Spouse	\$33,525.86	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$351.00
Senior Adviser 2	\$33,525.86	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$1,376.17
Media Adviser	\$33,525.86	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$1,023.83

The costs paid by the Department of Finance in relation to Minister Carr's travel to the United States of America for the period 22 – 30 September 2012 were:

	Airfares*	Accommodation	Land Transport	Hospitality	Other Expenses#
Minister	\$29,573.94	Nil	\$12,618.63	\$643.44	\$1,776.89
Spouse	\$24,460.94	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$5.00
Senior Media Adviser	\$24,460.94	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$830.12
Media Adviser	\$24,460.94	Nil	N/A	Nil	\$902.34

* Airfare costs cover the entire trip.

Other expenses include generic costs that apply to entire trip.