

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15**

Finance Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 3/3.1

**Topic:** *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* travel

**Senator:** Bernardi

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**Question:**

1. How many times did former Prime Ministers Rudd and Gillard approve MoPS staff to travel independently of their Minister? Which offices was this approved for and when? Outline each time this was approved, the reason for the independent travel and the classification of the staff member who travelled independently.
2. In the case of the former Prime Minister Rudd and Gillard's staff, how many times did staff travel overseas independently of the then Prime Ministers?
3. In relation to the then Prime Minister's staff, please provide the name and position of the person who travelled, where they travelled to, the reasons for travel, dates of travel, details of the programme of meetings undertaken, support provided by the Department and total costs of travel for each occasion.

**Answer:**

The research and compilation of this level of travel information and data for a 6 year period would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.