

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: Travel costs - department

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. OIGIS officers did not accompany any Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.
2. OIGIS does not disclose the specific details of any travel that could be regarded as sensitive or relating to matters of national security. Total cost of travel undertaken by OIGIS staff from Additional Estimates in February to date (31 May 2014) is \$5042.78, broken down as follows:
 - a. Two domestic trips and one international trip for managing inspections, inquiries or complaints:
 - i. Airfares:\$4414.28¹
 - ii. Other costs: \$628.50²
3. Travel planned from 31 May to 31 December 2014 is as follows:
 - a. One international trip to attend the International Intelligence Review Agencies Conference in London
 - b. Seven domestic trips for managing inspections, inquiries or complaints.

¹ Of the total amount, \$228.45 is a credit for future domestic travel following a trip cancellation, and \$3992.38 has been incurred but not yet billed

² Includes travel allowances, incidentals, parking costs etc