

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Travel Costs – Ministerial

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

- (1) From Additional Estimates in February 2014, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary:
 - a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip
 - b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
 - c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.

- (2) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

- (1) The Special Minister of State will answer on behalf of all Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio agencies.

- (2) Not applicable.