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Senator: Senator Claire Moore

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Question:

Senator MOORE: Could you provide for CSW59 and CSW58 the number of people who had their airfares costs paid in part or full and the cost of each person's travel that was covered by the Government?

Answer:

The number of people who had their airfares paid for by the Australian Government to attend CSW58 and CSW59 are as follows:

	CSW56 (2012)	CSW57 (2013)	CSW58 (2014)	CSW59 (2015)
Minister and Adviser	0	2	2	2
Government Officials ¹	7	10	5	5
Government Support Staff ²	0	0	0	2
Non-government Delegates	4	4	2	2
Non-government Delegate support person/ carer ³	1	1	0	0

¹ Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (including former AusAID staff) and the Australian Human Rights Commission.

² Support staff attended CSW59 to support the Ambassador for Women and Girls and the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, both of whom had travel programmes beyond CSW59. Support staff are not part of the Australian Government delegation, but had their airfares paid for by their home agency.

³ The cost of a support person/ carer, including their travel expenses, was met by the government for a non-government delegate with a disability or identified personal carer need.

The Office for Women manages the CSW budget, including the costs of any travel by non-government delegates, as part of the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy. The cost of flights for non-government delegates was \$46,662⁴ in 2012 (CSW56), \$51,431 in 2013 (CSW57), \$11,780 in 2014 (CSW58) and \$14,260 in 2015 (CSW59).

Travel costs for Minister's and their advisers are covered by the Department of Finance.

Travel costs for government officials and their support staff are covered by individual departments under their existing operational budgets. The cost of flights for two staff from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was \$16,834 in 2014 (CSW58) and \$11,606 in 2015 (CSW59). The cost of flights for three staff from the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs was \$27,617 in 2012 (CSW56) and \$32,711.47 in 2013 (CSW57).

⁴ One delegate was funded under the Indigenous Leadership Programme within the former Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.