

Budget Estimates Question on Notice — May 2017

141 **Senator James Paterson, Chair:** asked the President of the Senate—

CHAIR: To clarify, following on from Senator Bernardi's questions, how does your expenditure on international travel compare to your predecessor's expenditure on international travel?

The President: It is a lot lower.

CHAIR: Could you put some flesh around that with some numbers?

The President: For the entire year of 2016 I did not travel at all. We cannot find any Presiding Officer that has never travelled in a calendar year, so that would be quite a significant reduction. I will take it on notice. I am very happy to provide that.

CHAIR: That would be good.

Answer

Overseas Travel Expenditure ¹		
Year	President	Expenditure
2006/07	Calvert	167,510
2007/08	Calvert/Ferguson	208,776
2008/09	Hogg	155,452
2009/10	Hogg	276,473
2010/11	Hogg	164,159
2011/12	Hogg	266,498
2012/13	Hogg	295,469
2013/14	Hogg	227,242
2014/15	Parry	155,532
2015/16	Parry	12,143

¹ SOURCE: Department of Finance, Department of the Senate, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade