

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Finance Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 3/3.1

Topic: Travel Allowance and Flight Costs

Senator: Bernardi

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Question:

Can the department reveal whether anyone employed under the MOP(S) Act working in the office of the Hon. Anthony Albanese claimed travel allowance and flight costs during the period 13 September to 13 October during which time the Labor Party's leadership ballot was under way?

If you do find that MOP(S) Act staff employed in the office of the Hon. Anthony Albanese did travel during that period, can you detail how many nights were claimed and at what location, and at what rate. I am also interested in the department providing the overall cost for each staff member from Mr Albanese's office who claimed the above entitlements during period. There were two contestants in that race, and so I would ask the department to reveal whether anyone employed under the MOP(S) Act working in the office of the Hon Bill Shorten claimed travel allowance and flight costs for the period 13 September to 13 October, during which time the Labor Party's leadership ballot was under way. In continuation, can the department detail how many nights were claimed, at what location and at what rate, in the event that any were. Can the department provide the overall cost for each staff member who claimed the above during this period.

Answer:

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Employee	TA Location	Number of nights	TA Paid	Flight Costs	Total Cost
Employee 1	Canberra	2	\$516	\$253.60	\$769.60
Employee 2		No TA claim		\$2,424.17	\$2,424.17
Employee 3	Sydney	1	\$276	\$507.20	\$783.20
Employee 4		No TA claim		\$1,508.83	\$1,508.83
Employee 5		No TA claim		\$418.38	\$418.38
Employee 6		No TA claim		\$760.80	\$760.80
Employee 7	Canberra	1	\$268	\$2,763.88	\$3,031.88
Employee 8	Canberra	2	\$516	\$1,014.40	\$1,530.40
Employee 9	Canberra	2	\$536	\$3,517.86	\$4,408.86
	Sydney	1	\$355		
Employee 10		No TA claim		\$600.55	\$600.55
Employee 11	Canberra	1	\$268	\$1,927.12	\$2,195.12
Totals		10	\$2,735.00	\$15,696.79	\$18,431.79

The Hon Bill Shorten MP

Employee	TA Location	Number of nights	TA Paid	Flight Costs	Total Cost
Employee 1	Canberra	1	\$268	\$3,938.96	\$4,206.96
Employee 2	Canberra	1	\$258	\$656.32	\$914.32
Employee 3		No TA claim		\$520.05	\$520.05
Employee 4		No TA claim		\$2,402.17	\$2,402.17
Employee 5	Canberra	1	\$258	\$328.16	\$586.16
Employee 6		No TA claim		\$541.10	\$541.10
Employee 7	Canberra	2	\$536	\$948.50	\$1,484.50
Employee 8		No TA claim		\$2,066.68	\$2,066.68
Employee 9		No TA claim		\$869.26	\$869.26
Employee 10	Canberra	2	\$536	\$2,745.21	\$3,281.21
Employee 11	Melbourne	6	\$1,602	\$1,312.64	\$2,914.64
Totals		13	\$3,458.00	\$16,329.05	\$19,787.05