

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

Topic: International travel and accommodation costs

Senator: Wong

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Question:

What total international travel and accommodation costs have been incurred since 18 September 2013?

Answer:

For the period between 18 September 2013 and 30 November 2013, the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) incurred international travel cost of \$250,543 and associated accommodation cost of \$33,420.

International travel and accommodation costs were predominantly for International Assistance programs and the Leading Australia's Future in the Asia-Pacific (LAFIA) program. The LAFIA program is facilitated by the APSC and is fully cost recovered, with APSC support staff costs factored into the funding model. Any APSC staff who travel as participants in the program pay the same fees as attendees from other agencies.

The APSC's international program operates on a full cost recovery basis. Supplier expenses (including travel and accommodation costs) are charged at cost and APSC employee expenses and on-costs are budgeted using the Commission's costing model. Funding is provided by DFAT prior to the any program commencing and funds are acquitted to DFAT on an annual basis.