

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 20-24 October 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Outcome/Program: Outcome 1: Prime Minister and Cabinet
Topic: Travel Costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

I refer you to QoN response 343 – from Budget Estimates in May 2014.

1. I remind you that Ministers are accountable to this Committee and to the senate. You are required to answer questions put to you, and refer them to the relevant agency or office for an answer, not an obstruction.
2. In that vein - could the Minister please update the committee on travel arrangements including:
3. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
4. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare),
5. accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
6. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary
7. Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the
8. Classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
9. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason.
10. Brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is not responsible for any arrangements or costs for travel undertaken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries or any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act).

The costs of official travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the MOP(S) Act are met by the Department of Finance (Finance). Detailed information regarding parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including Minister's and Parliamentary Secretaries' domestic travel entitlements is available on the Finance website at <http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting/>.