

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Question No. 198

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:

- 1) From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary
 - i. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
 - ii. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
 - iii. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
- 2) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- 1) Provision of this information for all travel would require an unreasonable diversion of resources. The cost of ministerial travel is a matter for the Department of Finance.
- 2) This information is not available.