

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 27 February 2017

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE17/219) - US Manus and Nauru Refugee Deal - Trips and costs - Programme 2.2: Migration

Senator Carr, Kim (L&CA) written:

How many times did the Secretary or Commissioner visit the US to discuss the deal?
Please provide the dates of those trips and a list of all accompanying staff.
Please provide a breakdown of costs.

Answer:

The Secretary travelled to the US once to discuss the Australia–US resettlement programme. These discussions occurred as part of a broader programme aimed at enhancing Australia–US cooperation. The Commissioner has not travelled to the US to discuss this matter.

The date of travel to Washington DC was from 7-12 December 2016. The Secretary was accompanied by First Assistant Secretary International Division.

The Secretary also travelled to Washington DC on 29-30 January 2017 as part of a broader multi-nation visit programme. While in Washington DC, the Secretary attended meetings to discuss a range of topics, which on occasion included the resettlement programme.

A breakdown of the Secretary's costs relating to travel for the sole purpose of discussing the US resettlement programme is attached ([Attachment A](#)).

7-12 December 2016

Cost	\$AUD
Airfare	26,054.85
Ground transport	1,042.91
Accommodation	2,765.98
Venue and Catering	1,847.97
Travel allowance	605.00
Total cost:	\$32,316.71