

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

Group: Written

Program: Whole-of-Portfolio

Question: BE14/155

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 26-29 May 2014:

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. 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. For the period 7 September 2013 to 31 May 2014, please see the response in the table below for portfolio officers who accompanied ministers on overseas travel. To provide a breakdown of travel costs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Description	Exclusive of GST & Inclusive of Taxes, if Applicable (\$)
Overseas Airfares	\$41,202
Overseas Accommodation	\$9,202
Overseas Travel Allowance and Incidentals	\$4,711
Total	\$55,114

2. The total costs for the portfolio are provided in the table below. To provide a breakdown of travel costs and an explanation for travel undertaken would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Agency	Total Cost
Attorney-General's Department	\$3,219,249
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$383,860
Australian Crime Commission	\$1,593,878
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	\$150,000
Australian Federal Police (for the period 2 March 2014 – 31 May 2014)	\$7,381,356*
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$695,199
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$763,335
Australian Institute of Criminology	125,048

Agency	Total Cost
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$73,842.
Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation	For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to provide details of ASIO's travel.
AUSTRAC	\$872,270
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$726,892
Family Court and Federal Circuit Court	\$3,103,198
Federal Court of Australia	\$1,628,305
High Court of Australia	\$356,074
National Archives of Australia	\$347,891
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$96,027
Australia Council for the Arts	\$642,379
Australian Film Television and Radio School	\$186,985
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$121,634
Bundanon Trust	\$16,121
Creative Partnerships Australia	\$78,209
Museum of Australian Democracy / Old Parliament House	\$37,905
National Library of Australia	\$195,279
National Gallery of Australia	\$554,884
National Film and Sound Archive of Australia	\$179,328
National Museum of Australia	\$407,758
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	\$129,996
Screen Australia	\$589,776

*For the Australian Federal Police, a total of \$432,437 was fully cost recovered under fee for service arrangements including \$40,304 incurred on behalf of the ADF for the Defence Academy Review and \$247,328 on behalf of AUSAID for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs. For the period 7 September 2013 to 1 March 2014, refer to Question on Notice 244 from Additional Estimates 2014.

3. It is expected that travel will be undertaken as necessary in response to standard operational requirements for the remainder of the calendar year. To provide further detail for the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.