

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

**Group: 1**

**Program: Whole-of-Portfolio**

**Question No. SBE14/117**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following written question from the 20 November and 11 December 2014 hearings.**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?
2. If so, under what policy?
3. Provide a copy of that policy.
4. When was this policy implemented?
5. List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.
6. Detail the process.
7. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?
8. Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).
9. 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.
10. What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel?
11. What date did the minister or their offices approve the travel?
12. 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. No.
- 2.-7. Not applicable.
8. For the period 31 May 2014 to 11 December 2014 please see the response in the table below for portfolio officers who accompanied ministers on overseas travel. To provide a further breakdown of travel costs would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Exclusive of GST &amp; Inclusive of Taxes, if Applicable</b>
Overseas Airfares	\$70,580
Overseas Accommodation	\$24,338
Overseas Travel Allowance and Incidentals	\$16,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$111,648</b>

9. 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.

<b>Department/Agency</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Attorney-General's Department	\$5,453,283.31
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	\$251,629
Australia Council for the Arts	\$610,049
Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	\$130,142.92
Australian Crime Commission	\$1,299,405
Australian Federal Police	\$19,027,295
Australian Film, Television and Radio School	\$122,636.30
Australian Financial Security Authority	\$509,802
Australian Human Rights Commission	\$870,861* (\$555,980 was fully cost recovered under fee for service arrangements)
Australian Institute of Criminology	\$121,155
Australian Law Reform Commission	\$15,859
Australian National Maritime Museum	\$107,803
Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	For security reasons, it would not be appropriate to provide details of ASIO's travel
Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre	\$935,295
Bundanon Trust	Nil
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions	\$642,886.01
Creative Partnerships Australia	Nil
CrimTrac Agency	\$212,324.45
Family Court of Australia/Federal Circuit Court	\$2,570,103
Federal Court of Australia	\$980,387
High Court of Australia	\$248,964
Museum of Australian Democracy/Old Parliament House	\$49,730
National Archives of Australia	\$ 306,632
National Film and Sound Archive	\$118,875
National Gallery of Australia	\$370,712.55
National Library of Australia	\$245,416
National Museum of Australia	\$83,425
National Portrait Gallery of Australia	\$112,671
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	\$40,893
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	\$126,822
Screen Australia	\$335,923.11

\* Of the amount fully cost recovered this included \$44,319 incurred on behalf of the ADF for the Cultural Reform Program and \$430,980 on behalf of DFAT (AUSAID) for the Human Rights Technical Cooperation Programs with China and Vietnam.

10-11: Not applicable

12. Travel is undertaken as necessary in response to standard operational requirements. To provide further detail for the portfolio would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.