

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 2012

15 – 17 February 2012

Question: AET 89 - 91

Topic: Ministerial Travel Costs

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

89. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel (itemised separately,) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.

Answer: The Treasury refers the Senator to the previously answered question SBT 799-804 (19-20 Oct 2011). For the additional period of the FYTD (October 2011 – January 2012) please refer to attachment A for details.

90. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.

Answer: The Treasury refers the Senator to the previously answered question SBT 799-804 (19-20 Oct 2011). For the additional period of the FYTD (October 2011 – January 2012) please refer to attachment A for details.

91. For the financial year to date, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.

Answer: The Treasury refers the Senator to the previously answered question SBT 799-804 (19-20 Oct 2011). For the additional period of the FYTD (October 2011 – January 2012) please refer to attachment A for details.

Attachment A

AET 89-91 - Topic: FYTD Travel Costs – Ministerial Offices, MOPS staff & Departmental Officers (31 Oct 2011 - 31 Jan 2012)

Meeting	Date	Location	Minister	MOPS Staff	Treasury Officials	Treasury Officials costs	
Delhi Economic Conclave	14 - 17 Dec 2011	New Delhi, India	Minister for Financial Services and Superannuation, The Hon. Bill Shorten MP	x 1	x 1	air	\$7,464.23
						meals	\$427.05
						accomm	\$1,237.81
G'Day USA Australia Week	18-20 Jan 2012	New York, USA	Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer, The Hon. Wayne Swan MP	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
G'Day USA Australia Week	18-21 Jan 2012	New York, USA	Parliamentary Secretary, The Hon. David Bradbury MP	x 1	n/a	n/a	n/a

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