

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

19 – 20 October 2011

Question No: SBT 177 - 178

Topic: Productivity Commission Travel Costs

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Senator Bushy asked:

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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.

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Answer:

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Category	Amount (GST exclusive)
Domestic Travel Allowances	\$248,764
Domestic Airfares	\$663,392
Domestic Accommodation	\$88,248
Domestic Other Travel Costs	\$175,257
International Travel Allowances	\$28,256
International Airfares	\$91,641
International Accommodation	\$20,126
International Other Travel Costs	\$6,756
Airline Booking Fee	\$14,596
Whole of Government (WOG) Booking Fee	\$4,985
2010-11 Total	\$1,342,021

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Category	Amount (GST exclusive)
Domestic Travel Allowances	\$51,004
Domestic Airfares	\$96,868
Domestic Accommodation	\$24,624
Domestic Other Travel Costs	\$34,969
International Travel Allowances	\$4,103
International Airfares	\$20,973
International Accommodation	\$208
Airline Booking Fee	\$1,766
Whole of Government (WOG) Booking Fee	\$598
2011-12 Financial Year to Date (30 September 2011) Total	\$235,113

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