

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 3
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DEST Question No. E1014_04 and E1015_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Questions:

How many overseas trips were taken by employees in DEST in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date? What were the destinations of each of these overseas trips?

What was the total cost of overseas trips of staff for DEST (including a breakdown of the cost of accommodation allowances, food allowances and airflights) in 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 to date?

Answers:

International Travel Costs

Data on international travel is readily available from the year 2000-01. Beyond this time, records are not readily accessible and would involve accessing archived material and time preparing answers. This list does not include Education and Training Counsellors.

COUNTRY	TRIPS			
2000 - 2001				
Belgium	1			
Canada	2			
China	5			
Czech Republic	1			
Denmark	1			
Finland	1			
France	8			
Germany	4			
India	2			
Indonesia	9			
Ireland	2			
Israel	3			
Italy	1			
Japan	9			
Malaysia	6			
Mexico	2			
New Zealand	4			
South Korea	1	Total		
Sweden	1	Allowances		\$3,636
Switzerland	1	Airfares		\$254,513
Thailand	17	Accommodation		\$198,554
Turkey	2			
United Kingdom	4			
USA	2			
Totals	89			\$456,703

2001 - 2002					
Belgium	1				
Canada	5				
China	10				
Czech Republic	1				
Denmark	1				
Finland	1				
France	6				
Germany	1				
Hungary	1				
Indonesia	4				
Japan	3				
Malaysia	4				
New Zealand	6				
Romania	1				
Singapore	2				
South Korea	2				
Switzerland	2		Total Allowances		\$2,707
Taiwan	3				
Thailand	5		Total Airfares		\$222,214
United Kingdom	3				
USA	4		Total Accommodation		\$167,513
Vietnam	3				
Totals	69				\$392,434

2002 - 2003				
Argentina	1			
Belgium	4			
Canada	4			
China	4			
Czech Republic	1			
France	12			
Germany	2			
Ireland	2			
Italy	1			
Japan	4			
Malaysia	4			
Mexico	3			
New Zealand	17			
Norway	1			
Philippines	1			
Portugal	1			
South Korea	4			
Spain	2			
Sri Lanka	1			
Sweden	1			
Switzerland	4	Total Allowances		\$11,386
Taiwan	3			
Thailand	2	Total Airfares		\$196,995
United Kingdom	7			
USA	3	Total Accommodation		\$161,643
Vietnam	1			
Totals	90			\$370,024

These figures include Questacon international travel from 1 July 2003. Prior to this, travel costs are reported by the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts (DOCITA).

July 2003 – March 2004 incl.					
Austria	1				
Belgium	1				
Brazil	2				
Canada	3				
Chile	1				
China	11				
Fiji	1				
France	3				
Germany	2				
India	6				
Indonesia	1				
Ireland	1				
Japan	4				
Malaysia	1				
Mexico	1				
New Zealand	8				
Norway	1				
Portugal	1		Total Allowances		\$7,176
Singapore	4				
South Korea	2		Total Airfares		\$155,973
Switzerland					
	2				
Thailand	1				
United Kingdom			Total Accommodation		\$137,140
	6				
USA	6				
Totals	70				\$300,289