

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 23/02/2011, Hansard page 52.

Question

ANNUAL AIR TRAVEL BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE

Senator ABETZ—Can you tell us, if you have it handy, what your annual air travel budget and actual expenditure is? Mr Lee—I would not be able to do that quickly. I can take it on notice, though. Senator ABETZ—Take it on notice. Does Fair Work Australia have any policies or guidelines with regard to the use, class, and entitlement to air travel? Mr Lee—The use and the entitlement to air travel is governed, for many, by Remuneration Tribunal determinations, but as to any— Senator ABETZ—Is the class of travel, also, by the Remuneration Tribunal? Mr Lee—I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response.

The forecast budget for airline travel by FWA for 2010-11 is \$1.220m and expenditure to 31 January 2011 was \$0.701m.

Travel entitlements for FWA members and General Manager are governed by the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2004/03. FWA members and the General Manager are entitled to Tier 1 travel entitlements which are highest class of travel within Australia and first class or business class for overseas travel.

Entitlements for FWA staff and SES are subject to FWA travel policy. SES are entitled to business class for travel both within Australia and overseas and non-SES staff are required to travel economy class within Australia except for long-haul trips (i.e. over 3 1/2 hours) and are entitled to business class for overseas travel.