

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: All
Output Group: All

DEST Question No. E282_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What was the total cost of domestic trips of staff for DEST (including a breakdown on 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?

Answer:

Cost of Domestic Trips for DEST Staff and predecessor Department (DETYA) from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2004.

Period ⁽¹⁾	Airflights	Travel Allowance ⁽³⁾	Other ⁽⁴⁾	Total
1999-2000	\$2,310,675	\$1,581,248	\$525,053	\$4,416,976
2000-2001	\$1,874,468	\$1,463,120	\$561,345	\$3,898,933
2001-2002 ⁽²⁾	\$2,564,554	\$1,519,774	\$368,327	\$4,452,655
2002-2003	\$2,740,513	\$1,718,758	\$516,542	\$4,975,813
2003-2004 ⁽⁵⁾	\$3,324,436	\$2,117,128	\$649,642	\$6,091,206
1st Quarter:2004-2005	\$858,733	\$552,572	\$94,852	\$1,506,157

Notes

- (1) Information prior to 1999-2000 would involve the detailed interrogation of the Department's previous financial management system. This would be a significant diversion of resources.
- (2) The Department of Education, Science and Training was created on the 26th November 2001
- (3) These figures include: accommodation, meals and incidentals.
- (4) These figures include: car hire costs including taxis, short term hire and allowances for officers using own vehicles; family caring expenses.
- (5) The department assumed responsibility for Questacon on 1 July 2003 from the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.