

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
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Questions on Notice: AusAID

Question No. 33

Senator Trood asked on notice

- a) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
- b) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
- c) For the FYTD, 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:

- a) DFAT administers the Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries travel costs, which are ultimately paid for by Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- b) DFAT administers the Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries travel costs, which are ultimately paid for by Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- c) For details on departmental officers who accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on travel, please see Attachment A. Note that there were no costs incurred for departmental officers for security or gifts. Departmental officers are entitled to a travel allowance which covers food, beverages and incidentals. It is not possible to itemise separately the amounts spent on food, beverages, alcohol and incidentals for each departmental officer for each visit.