

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Travel costs (ministerial)

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

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Question:

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary
 - a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;
 - b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;
 - c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.
2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

Official travel by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* is arranged and costs met by the Department of Finance (Finance). Detailed information regarding Parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including ministers' and parliamentary secretaries' domestic travel entitlements, is tabled in the Parliament every six months and published on the Finance website.

Also see the response to PM174.