

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Ministerial international travel and accommodation costs

Senator: Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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Question:

Has the department/agency met any travel or accommodation incurred costs associated with international travel by a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary or their staff since 18 November 2013? If so, please provide details including (a) Minister or Parliamentary Secretary (b) date/s of travel (c) origin and destination and (d) breakdown of costs

Answer:

No.

The costs of official travel (including travel and accommodation costs for international travel) by ministers, parliamentary secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MOP(S) Act) are met by the Department of Finance (Finance). Detailed information regarding parliamentary entitlements expenditure, including minister's and parliamentary secretaries' domestic travel entitlements is tabled in the Parliament every six months and published on the Finance website.