

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Travel costs (department)

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

Q1. There were no instances where an ANAO officer accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.

Q2. The ANAO has spent \$338,563.45 on travel for the period 7 September – 31 January 2014. Travel of \$278,927.28 related to direct audit activities and \$59,636.17 related to travel associated with audit conferences and meetings, corporate activities and professional development activities. The ANAO's travel management system does not record information to the level of detail requested.

Q3. The ANAO plans to undertake travel related to direct audit activities as set out in the respective audit work programs. The volume and timing of this travel can vary depending on the audit program and arrangements made with audited entities.