

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Health Services Australia

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SENATOR WONG asked on 24/05/2007:

Senator WONG—Can I also have a breakdown on notice of all travel costs for the past couple of years, including airfares, travel allowance and any associated travel costs?

Mr Kmet—Yes.

Senator WONG—And an indication of whether there are international travel costs included in any of those costs.

Mr Kmet—Yes.

Senator WONG—And where are your travel costs disclosed, Mr Kmet? Are they disclosed anywhere?

Mr Kmet—They would not be disclosed separately. They would be in the expenditure column of the profit and loss statement.

Senator WONG—So perhaps you can give us an indication of what relates to executives' and what relates to directors' travel costs?

Mr Kmet—Yes.

Answer:

For the 2005-2006 financial year, total reported travel costs of \$2.2 million comprised airfares of \$1.0 million, travel allowance of \$0.4 million, and other travel expenses (accommodation, taxis, mileage etc.) of \$0.8 million.

Approximately \$41,000 of the 2005-06 amount was for international travel (Directors \$0; Executives \$30,049). Approximately \$59,000 of the remaining 2005-06 amount was for Directors' domestic travel, and \$256,000 was for Executives' domestic travel.

For the current financial year, until the end of May 2007, total travel expenses of \$2.6 million comprised airfares of \$1.1 million, travel allowance of \$0.4 million, and other travel expenses of \$1.2 million.

Approximately \$18,000 was for international travel (Directors \$0; Executives \$12,511). Approximately \$131,000 of the remainder was for Directors' domestic travel, and \$219,000 was for Executives' domestic travel.