

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 3/3.1**

**Topic: Travel Costs for Minister, Parliamentary Secretary, *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* employees and Departmental staff**

**Senator: Fifield**

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**Question:**

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 Secretary 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:**

For the purposes of answering this question, FYTD is taken to be the period 1 July 2010 to 31 May 2011.

a)&b) Information about destinations and the cost of travel undertaken by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries and any accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, is tabled in the Parliament every six months in the report *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. The report also includes car transport costs as advised by other departments in respect of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance website.

It is not possible to individually report on all items in the question as costs for domestic accommodation, food and incidental expenses are met by individual travellers from domestic travelling allowances paid at a daily rate.

In providing home department support for its portfolio Ministers, Finance did not incur any charges for security, gifts or entertainment associated with official travel.

c) Refer to Attachment A.

**Department of Finance and Deregulation**  
**Travel Details of Departmental Officials Accompanying Portfolio Ministers**  
**1 July 2010 - 31 May 2011**

<b>Date of Travel</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Airfares costs including admin and booking fees (\$)</b>	<b>Comcar (\$)</b>	<b>Airport parking (\$)</b>	<b>Accommodation and additional expenses</b>
14/10/10	Sydney	451.97	142.92	18.00	nil
14/10/10	Sydney	419.47	N/A	18.00	nil
14/10/10	Sydney	237.89	N/A	18.00	nil
04/11/10	Sydney	583.12	184.47	18.00	nil
08/11/10	Melbourne	949.63	160.04	18.00	nil
12/11/10	Sydney	239.01	N/A	18.00	43.90
24/01/11	Brisbane	651.26	259.94	28.00	nil
24/01/11	Brisbane	405.91	N/A	Not available	Not available
01/04/11	Sydney	767.45	147.42	18.00	nil
01/04/11	Sydney	211.53	N/A	21.00	49.61
27/02/11	Sydney	185.57	N/A	nil	73.40
27/02/11	Sydney	185.57	N/A	nil	nil
27/02/11	Sydney	185.57	N/A	21.00	143.10