

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Budget Estimates 25 May 2011

Question: 111

Topic: Travel Costs

Asked By: Senator FIFIELD

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- 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 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:

- a) This travel and these costs are booked and paid for by Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division within the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The Department does not have access to this information.
- b) This travel and these costs are booked and paid for by Ministerial and Parliamentary Services within the Department of Finance and Deregulation. The Department does not have access to this information.

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- c) This information is based on Departmental travel bookings and approvals. Where the information is available costs are broken down. The information presented is as reported per trip.

Date	Destination	Costs	
7-8 December 2010	Toowoomba and Narrabri	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$180.00
		Meals	Nil
12 to 17 December 2010	Northern Territory and Western Australia	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$1,093.30
		Meals	\$231.50
13-14 December 2010	Darwin, Kununurra and Karratha	Fares	\$996.89
		Accommodation	\$479.00
4 to 5 January 2011	Lockyer Valley, Gatton, Ipswich, and Amberley	Fares	\$1,151.59
		Accommodation	\$189.00
		Meals	\$28.00
		Other	Taxis \$151.30 Parking \$24.00

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9 to 11 January 2011	Emerald and Bundaberg	Fares	\$515.38
		Accommodation	\$321.84
		Meals	Nil
		Other	Taxis \$32.14 Parking \$36.00
16 to 18 January 2011	Grafton and Maryborough	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$234.00
		Meals (incl. working breakfast and dinner with Mayor, local members and staff)	\$542.35
		Other	Parking \$16.50 Commercial flight cancellation fee \$58.85
1 to 4 February 2011	Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Mildura	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$445.00
		Travel Allowance	\$439.05
		Other	Taxis \$104.89 Car Hire \$142.63
12 to 13 February 2011	Wagga Wagga, Bathurst and Dubbo	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$319.00
		Meals	\$45.50
		Other	Parking \$5.50

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14 February 2011	Mildura	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on a Charter Aircraft
		Accommodation	Nil
		Meals	Nil
14 to 16 February 2011	Norfolk Island	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft for some legs of the trip plus: 16 Feb 2011 - Sydney to Canberra \$257.39
		Accommodation	\$436
		Travel Allowance	\$366.39
		Other	Taxis \$63.11 Car Hire \$142.63
30 to 31 March 2011	Fremantle	Fares	\$3,158.83
		Accommodation	\$421.23
		Meals	Nil
		Other	Taxis \$34.85 Parking CBR airport \$42.00
30 March to 01 April 2011	Fremantle	Fares	\$3,615.87
		Accommodation	\$432.49
		Meals	Nil
		Other	Taxi \$229.28

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12 to 13 April 2011	Nowra, Merimbula and Melbourne	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft
		Accommodation	\$108.18
		Meals	\$158.50
		Other	Taxi - \$30.63
16 to 18 May 2011	Geelong, Adelaide, Brisbane and Gatton	Fares	\$1,708.92
		Accommodation	\$814.28
		Meals	Nil
		Other	Taxi \$180.00 Car hire \$150.43
17 to 20 May 2011	Queensland	Fares	Travelled with the Minister on the Special Purpose Aircraft for some legs of the trip plus: 17 May 2011- Canberra to Brisbane \$664.72 19 May 2011- Rockhampton to Townsville \$440.15
		Accommodation	\$678.27
		Meals	\$148.90
		Other	Taxis \$ 44.00 Parking CBR airport \$21.00