Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Travel Costs
Senator: Ryan
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Question:
1. For the financial year to date, please 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. For the financial year to date, please 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).
3. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.

Answer:

Q1.   None

Q2.   The ANAO has spent $1,214,855.06 on travel in the 2011-12 year to April 2012. Travel of $913,150.80 related to direct audit activities and $301,704.26 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 by the committee. However, we estimate that $228,009.45 was spent on airfares and the remaining $986,845.61 was spent on other travel related services.

Q3.   Yes. Travel complies with the Department of Finance and Deregulation's rules pertaining to travel. All travel is approved by delegated staff.