

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 1 November 2005

Question: HS62

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Department of Human Services - Airfares

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SENATOR Fielding asked on 1/11/05:

1. How much money has the portfolio spent on domestic airfares for each of the last 3 financial years?
2. How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last 3 financial years?
3. How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last 3 financial years?
4. How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last 3 financial years?
5. How much money has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last 3 financial years?
6. What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for all flights of less than one and a half hours duration?

Answer:

The Department of Human Services was established on 26th October 2004. It comprises the Core Department, CRS Australia and the Child Support Agency. Centrelink, Medicare Australia, Health Services Australia and Australian Hearing are also Human Services agencies. The Department belongs to the Finance portfolio. The figures below are for the Department and Australian Hearing. The expenditure incurred is for the period 26th October 2004 to 30 June 2005.

1. \$3,065,550
2. \$95,770
3. \$2,704,519
4. \$361,031
5. Nil
6. This is difficult to calculate because of the detailed analysis required.