

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Human Services and agencies

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2005-2006, 1 November 2005

Question: HS64

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1

Topic: Medicare Australia - Airfares

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SENATOR FIELDING asked on 1/11/05:

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

Answer:

1.

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
\$2,697,620	\$2,715,172	\$2,819,687

2.

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
\$327,486	\$325,764	\$212,862

3.

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
\$2,131,801	\$2,134,160	\$2,265,323

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4.

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
\$565,819	\$581,012	\$554,364

5.

2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Nil	Nil	Nil

6. This is difficult to calculate because of the detailed analysis required.