

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Fifield

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Question:

1. The total number of flight segments flown by members of the Social Inclusion Board, broken down by fare type (fully flexible, other fare types), class (saver, flexible, economy, premium economy, business, first), airline (Qantas, QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other) and city pair route (Melbourne to Sydney, Brisbane to Sydney, Brisbane to Melbourne, Adelaide to Melbourne, Adelaide to Sydney, Melbourne to Perth, Perth to Sydney, Hobart to Melbourne, Canberra to Melbourne, Canberra to Sydney, Canberra to Brisbane, Canberra to Perth, Canberra to Adelaide), and destination (domestic or international) for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years.

2. The total value of flights flown by members of the Social Inclusion Board, broken down by fare type (fully flexible, other fare types), class (saver, flexible, economy, premium economy, business, first), airline (Qantas, QantasLink, Jetstar, Virgin, Tiger Airways, other) and city pair route (Melbourne to Sydney, Brisbane to Sydney, Brisbane to Melbourne, Adelaide to Melbourne, Adelaide to Sydney, Melbourne to Perth, Perth to Sydney, Hobart to Melbourne, Canberra to Melbourne, Canberra to Sydney, Canberra to Brisbane, Canberra to Perth, Canberra to Adelaide), and destination (domestic or international) for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 financial years.

Answer:

1. Under the Remuneration Tribunal determination for Part Time Office Holders, Board members are entitled to Business Class air travel.
2. The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow answers to be provided to this question. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

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3. Total flight expenses for 2010-2011 were \$59,623.41 (this includes flights for the Board and Secretariat). Total flight expenses for 2011-12, processed prior to 8 November 2011, is \$2783.56 (this includes flights for the Board and Secretariat).