

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 October 2011

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

##### **(SE11/0048): Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (L&CA written) asked:

For the year 2010-11, and FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Include details of what the travel was for, what cost was spent on travel (including travel type – i.e. business airfare), accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.

*Answer:*

##### Department of Immigration and Citizenship

The Department does not maintain a central register to record the details of travel by staff accompanying the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary. To attempt to provide a detailed list of all travel for departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary, would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

##### **Class of travel**

- All staff who are required to travel domestically on behalf of the department must travel economy class unless there is a business case, or entitlement, to travel business class.
- All staff who are required to travel internationally on behalf of the department are entitled to travel business class

##### Merit Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal

MRT/RRT did not have departmental officers accompany the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary.