

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0178) PROGRAM – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

The department has recorded a reduction in the volume of domestic business flights for the financial year to date as compared to the same period in the 2012-13 financial year, as shown in the table below. There has been an increase in the volume of international business flights for the financial year to date as compared to the same period last financial year. This reflects increased travel to and from regional processing centres in Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

Sectors	Q1 FY 2012-13	FYTD 30 September 2013
Domestic	9 340	9 082
International	2 018	2 808
Total	11 358	11 890

*Includes staff and detainees

It is not possible to provide estimated savings for the forward estimates period as the extent of travel requirements and travel costs over this period are not known.