

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 023

Topic: International Travel

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Senator Fifield asked:

Have any departmental staff travelled overseas on official business this financial year? Could you provide details of who travelled, for what reasons, at what cost and when?

Answer:

Yes. For the period 1 July 2010 to 31 December 2010 expenditure on overseas travel undertaken by FaHCSIA staff was \$351,763.47.

Relevant details of the overseas trips undertaken during this period are attached.

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FaHCSIA Departmental Staff Overseas Travel

DATES OF TRAVEL	NUMBER OF OFFICERS	GROUP/BRANCH	DESTINATION	REASON	Total Cost
3-10 July 2010	1	Disability and Carers Programs	NZ	Attend Australian and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) Masters in Public Administration 2010 intake.	\$2,424.75
17-24 July 2010	4	Office for Women	USA	Attend UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Conference.	\$45,571.73
		Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination			
		Executive Management - Victoria			
18 July - 7 Aug 2010	1	Housing and Homelessness	Malaysia & Japan	Leading Australia's Future in Australia (LAFIA) Asia Program 2010 (3 week study tour visiting Malaysia and Japan).	\$12,807.14
7-14 Aug 2010	2	Deputy Secretary responsible for Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination	Switzerland	Appear before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at the UN in Geneva.	\$21,031.05
		Performance Management and Modelling			
15-21 Aug 2010	1	Land Reform	New Caledonia	Attend 11 th Triannual Conference of Pacific Women's (Theme – Progress & Prospects: National level implementation of the Pacific and Beijing platform for action).	\$4,623.82
21 Aug - 6 Sept 2010	2	Disability and Carers Policy	USA	Attend UN Convention on the rights for People with Disabilities.	\$30,765.94
28 Aug – 4 Sept 2010	2	Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination	NZ	Attend and participate in the Australasian Evaluation Society Conference Workshops and present FaHCSIA film "Partnership – a journey not a sprint."	\$7,586.28

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				Meet with NZ Government Maori Affairs.	
1-12 Sept 2010	1	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	USA	Attend Healing your Spirit Conference.	\$5,586.32
29 Aug - 3 Sept 2010	1	Family and Child Support Policy	NZ	Attend Child Support Head of Agencies Conference (attend bilateral agreements and meet with NZ Department of Internal Review).	\$3,263.38
12-25 Sept 2010	2	International	Hungary	Attending Social Security agreement negotiations for Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic.	\$26,790.72
17-25 Sept 2010	1	Social Policy	USA	Accompany the Secretary to engage in high level strategic discussions on social awareness and welfare issues at the Windsor Conference.	\$14,096.03
17-24 Sept 2010	1	Office for Women	Japan	Attend 15 th APEC Women's Leadership Network and 8 th APEC Gender Focal Point Network.	\$9,148.60
19-29 Sept 2010	1	Corporate Services	Great Britain	Repatriation of remains from the UK.	\$13,885.80
19-26 Sept 2010	1	Secretary	USA	Engage in high level strategic discussions on social awareness and welfare issues at the Windsor Conference.	\$20,169.44
22 Sep -11 Oct 2010	1	Social Security Policy	USA/Canada	Attending the Six Country Fraud Benefit conference and visit the Louisiana Department of Social Services.	\$23,486.27
23-25 Sept 2010	1	Systems, Strategy and Architecture	USA	Meeting with US Department Children and Family Services in Louisiana to discuss development of a Case Management System (CMS).	\$1,776.78
25 Sept - 3 Oct 2010	1	Systems Strategy and Architecture	USA	Give closing keynote presentation and tutorial at STARWest software testing conference in San Diego.	\$4,355.86

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16-30 Oct 2010	1	Strategic Policy	France & UK	Meet with Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development (OECD) (France) Meet with Dept Work and Pensions (UK) to discuss pension eligibility, behavioural policy impacts and central agency re social inclusion.	\$17,663.52
6-12 Nov 2010	1	Community Engagement and Development	Malaysia	To lead the delegation to the East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families on behalf of Minister Macklin.	\$5,626.96
6-12 Nov 2010	1	International	Malaysia	To attend the East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families as part of the Australian delegation and manage FaHCSIA's exhibition stand.	\$6,347.95
6-12 Nov 2010	1	Family and Child Support Policy	Malaysia	To attend the East Asia Ministerial Forum on Families.	\$6,343.38
12-19 Nov 2010	1	Disability and Carers Policy	France	Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD) Expert Meeting on Long-Term Care Workforce and Financing.	\$12,165.98
26 Nov - 6 Dec 2010	2	Social Policy	South Africa	To attend International Social Security Association (ISSA) World Forum and World Social Security Summit and elections for key positions on the ISSA Council Bureau.	\$21,350.68
30 Nov - 4 Dec 2010	1	Homelessness	NZ	Participation in Australia New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) Program.	\$3,361.45
4-16 Dec 2010	2	Information Management and Technology	USA	To attend executive briefings with various IT companies i.e. VMWare, Apple, HP, Cisco, Microsoft, EMC.	\$31,533.64