

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 246

**Topic:** Travel Costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 January 2013, the Department's expenditure on travel was \$6,275,289 (GST exclusive).

<b>Airfares</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Travel Allowance</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$3,376,685	\$1,418,982	\$1,412,801	\$66,821	\$6,275,289

The classification of "Other" includes officers' expenses where no travel allowance has been claimed, such as bus and vehicle hire, parking fees and venue hire.

Travel is undertaken where business objectives require.

It is not possible to give a definitive response about travel for the rest of the calendar year due to the changing nature of business requirements.