

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 203

**Topic:** Sochi

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

- 1) Did the Minister attend the Sochi Winter Olympics?
  - a. If so, who accompanied the Minister?
  - b. Detail the total cost of the trip, broken down by airfare, accommodation, incidentals, security arrangements and any other expenditure?
  - c. What class of airfare did the Minister and each of those accompanying the Minister travel?
- 2) List the Minister's itinerary for the trip, including meetings and events attended.
  - a. Who arranged each of these meetings?
  - b. Who initiated each of the meeting requests for the Minister's appointments? The Minister, the Department, his office or the person he met with?
- 3) Did the Department Secretary accompany the Minister to the Sochi Olympics?
  - a. List the other international trips the Department Secretary has attended with the Minister
  - b. Who made the decision for the Secretary to attend? Please detail the approval process and table the relating documents for the departmental Secretary to attend, including who made the initial request for the departmental Secretary to attend

**Answer:**

The Minister for Social Services, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP, did not attend the Sochi Winter Olympics.

The Secretary of the Department of Social Services has not attended any international trips with the Minister.