

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Travel costs

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.

Answer:

Under FaHCSIA's Enterprise Agreement 2012-14, airline club membership can be provided to an employee who is likely to be travelling regularly by air on FaHCSIA business (that is 8 domestic trips per year, or 4 domestic trips per year where travel involves extended travel time and connecting flights to or from South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory, or a single international flight annually).

As at 31 May 2012, 72 SES employees, 314 Executive Level employees and 76 APS employees were provided with Qantas Club membership. One SES employee, 15 Executive Level employees and 4 APS employees were provided with Virgin Velocity membership.

The total cost of airline club memberships for the period 1 July 2011 to 31 May 2012 was \$60,303.43 (GST Exclusive).