



## Social Security Appeals Tribunal

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Senator Claire Moore  
Chair  
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

### **Amplification of evidence to Estimates Hearing 3 June 2013**

I am writing to amplify one aspect of my evidence to the Committee during its examination of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio in relation to cross portfolio issues.

#### *Travel expenses*

Senator Cash asked "In the financial year 2011-12 what was the total spend by the SSAT on member and staff travel?"

In answering that question, I said that for "travel allowance and accommodation, the full expenditure for 2011-12 was \$70,411". That answer was correct. However, the SSAT also spent \$169,317 on airfares and taxi fares, and a further \$5,978 in motor vehicle costs for travel related to hearings.

Yours sincerely

Jane Macdonnell  
Principal Member