

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013, 17 & 19 October 2012

Question: E12-129

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: TRAVEL COSTS

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
- b) 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).

Answer:

- a) The costs for travel for Departmental officers accompanying the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012-13 financial year is \$860 (airfares only).

The Department of Health and Ageing is not able to individually report on all the separate items requested in the question as costs have been met by individual travellers from allowances. All flights are booked in economy class.

- b) For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012, the Department spent \$3,728,848 on travel related expenses for its staff and committee members.

Type of Expenditure	Amount
Airfares - domestic	1,280,676
Airfares - international	507,166
Accommodation	652,929
Travel Allowance	763,673
Taxis	362,532
Other	161,872
TOTAL	3,728,848

Note: The above figures include travel expenditure for the Department, NICNAS, OGTR and TGA.