

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: TRAVEL COSTS

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Senator: Senator Boyce

Question:

- a) For 2011-12, 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 2011-12, 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/s and/or Parliamentary Secretary for the 2012-13 financial year is \$6,408. The breakdown is as follows:

Flights (Economy class):	\$4,748
Travel Allowances:	\$806
Accommodation:	\$734
Additional Expenses:	\$120

- b) For the financial year 2011-12, the Department of Health and Ageing spent \$15,843,359 on travel related expenditure for its staff and committee members.

Type of Expenditure	Amount
Airfares - domestic	7,510,415
Airfares - international	1,911,676
Accommodation	2,040,771
Travel Allowance	2,517,308
Taxis	1,241,847
Other	621,344
TOTAL	15,843,359

Note: The above figures include travel expenditure for the Department, National Industrial Chemicals Notification Assessment Scheme, Office of Gene Technology Regulator and Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Travel expenditure for the 2011-12 year was \$1.4 million or 8.0 per cent lower, compared to the 2010-11 year. This reduction was largely due to the roll-out of enhanced teleconference and videoconference facilities during 2011-12 year.