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Topic: Staff travel expenditure

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Senator Cash asked:

How much did FaHCSIA spend on staff travel in 2011-12, and to date? Can you also provide a breakdown on this by type of travel, details of the purpose of the travel and the class of travel?

Answer:

For the 2011-12 Financial Year, the Department's expenditure on staff travel was \$13,682,784 (GST Exclusive).

Airfares	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Other	Total
\$7,641,826	\$3,183,688	\$2,680,782	\$176,488	\$13,682,784

For the period 1 July to 30 September 2012, the Department's expenditure on staff travel was \$3,888,014 (GST Exclusive).

Airfares	Accommodation	Travel Allowance	Other	Total
\$2,143,372	\$819,918	\$888,326	\$36,398	\$3,888,014

The classification of "Other" includes officer's expenses where no travel allowance has been claimed, such as bus and vehicle hire, parking fees and venue hire.

All travel is undertaken for official business purposes.

The class of air travel for non-SES staff is generally Economy Class travel. SES officers travel Economy Class between Canberra and Sydney and Canberra and Melbourne (where those cities are the end destination), unless there are medical reasons for utilising a different class of travel. This is a Whole of Australian Government approach. In addition, FaHCSIA encourages SES employees to travel Economy Class where it is practicable.