

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 365

**Topic:** Travel costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** 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.

As at 30 September 2012, 30 SES employees, 166 Executive Level employees and 57 APS employees were provided with Qantas Club membership. Six SES employees, 17 Executive Level employees and 4 APS employees were provided with Virgin Velocity Membership.

The total cost of airline lounge memberships paid by the Department during the period 1 July 2012 to 30 September 2012 was \$22,446.