

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 121

**Topic:** Travel costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

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). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

**Answer:**

For the period 1 July 2013 to 30 November 2013, the Department's expenditure on travel was \$5,017,894 (GST exclusive).

<b>Airfares</b>	<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Travel Allowance</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
\$2,457,856	\$1,297,964	\$1,219,875	\$42,198	\$5,017,893

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

Travel is undertaken where required to meet business objectives.