

**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:** 125

**Topic:** Travel costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** 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 the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs' Enterprise Agreement 2012-14, airline membership can be provided to an employee who is likely to be travelling regularly by air on official business.

As at 30 November 2013, 30 SES employees, 148 Executive Level employees and 41 APS employees were provided with Qantas Club membership. Seven SES employees, 12 Executive Level employees and 4 APS employees were provided with Virgin Velocity membership.

The total cost of airline memberships for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 November 2013 was \$31,436 (GST exclusive).