

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Question No: 194(i)

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Hansard Ref: Written 19/02/2016

Topic: Travel costs - department

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?
2. If so, under what policy?
3. Provide a copy of that policy.
4. When was this policy implemented?
5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?
6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).
7. 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.
8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?
9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?
10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. No
2. N/A
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A.
7.
 - Total Cost - \$3261.82
 - Airfares - \$268.19 - Economy
 - Accommodation – \$655.62
 - Meals and incidentals - \$224.74
 - Transport and Travel – \$2113.27

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- REASON - Bundanon Trust is located outside a regional centre 2.5hrs south of Sydney. The organisation has national focus and frequently travels to conduct business and train staff.
8. No.
 9. N/A.
 10. Nil