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Senator Urquhart asked:

ACTING CHAIR: Are you able to provide a breakdown on how much this was for accommodation, flights and the facilitation of meetings?

Mr Thompson: Do you mean a breakdown for Ms Cvijanovic's travel?

ACTING CHAIR: I would be happy to have all of it—

Mr Thompson: I think we just said that we cannot provide a breakdown for Minister Briggs.

ACTING CHAIR: but I think she has indicated that the Department of Finance has the other.

Mr Thompson: I just wanted to clarify.

Ms Cvijanovic: I do not have all of that detail with me, so I will have to take that on notice.

ACTING CHAIR: Do you have any of it?

Ms Cvijanovic: I have some detail.

ACTING CHAIR: Could you provide that.

Ms Cvijanovic: The receipts paid for by the department, which would have included accommodation, flights and some meals, were \$14,816.22. The receipts reimbursed to me, which would have been mainly in relation to foreign exchange and some minor incidentals, were \$182.20.

ACTING CHAIR: Can you break those up into what was accommodation and what was flights.

Ms Cvijanovic: Can I just correct that to \$187.20. Could you repeat the question.

ACTING CHAIR: Could you break that down into accommodation and flights.

Ms Cvijanovic: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

The total cost for Ms Tanja Cvijanovic to accompany Minister Briggs on his international trip to Hong Kong, the United Kingdom and Germany in November and December 2015 was \$15,003.42. The breakdown of this cost is:

- \$11,419.39 – Flight costs
- \$3,283.04 – Accommodation costs
- Travel expenses (e.g. taxis, meals and incidentals) paid on departmental credit card or reimbursed by the Department of the Environment were \$113.79 and \$187.20, respectively.