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Program No. TUSMA

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Travel costs

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. Since 25 February 2014, detail all travel 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).
2. Since 25 February 2014, 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.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. From 25 February 2014, to date no Departmental officers accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel.
2. From 25 February 2014 to 31 May 2014 the agency spend for travel (flights and accommodation) was \$17,953.29 (GST exclusive). All travel relates to achieving agency deliverables. The agency does not record travel in a way that would readily allow individual components of travel to be identified. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.
3. TUSMA anticipates that there will be future travel planned for the remainder of this calendar year that relate to the agency deliverables.