

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Catryna Bilyk asked:**

1. In relation to any international travel undertaken in 2015 by the Environment Minister, can the following please be provided to the Senate:
  - A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip;
  - An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights;
  - Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip;
  - Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip;
  - Copies of receipts for any other ground transport;
  - Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation; and
  - Details of any spouse travel.

**Answer:**

Please find below details of the Minister for the Environment's overseas trips between January and October 2015.

<b>Duration</b>	<b>Destination(s)</b>
26 - 31 January 2015	Portugal, Germany, Finland and Poland
15 – 21 February 2015	Peru, Colombia and Jamaica
9 – 13 March 2015	Japan, Korea and India
28 June – 4 July 2015	Germany
16 – 19 August 2015	Papua New Guinea

Costs of official travel by Ministers and Assistant Ministers, and accompanying staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*, are largely paid for by the Department of Finance. Details of expenditure on entitlements (including domestic travel, car costs, overseas travel, travelling allowance, office facilities costs, office administrative costs and family travel) for all Senators and Members are compiled every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance*. The reports and supporting information are published on the Department of Finance website.