Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates 26 February 2014

Question: AET 1089-1091

Topic: Travel costs – department (APRA)

Written: Received from Committee – 12 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

- 1089. From 7 September 2013, 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).
- 1090. From 7 September 2013, 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.
- 1091. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

- 1089. Officers from Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) have not accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on any of their travel.
- 1090. For the period 7 September 2013 to 28 February 2014, the details of all air travel by officers of APRA is as follows:

	No of Trips	Cost \$
Domestic	601	260,678.34
International	98	283,733.37
Provider booking fee	541	16,459.98
Department of Finance fee	573	2,719.16
Total		\$563,590.85

Travel relates to APRA's prudential regulation and supervision activities. Extracting the cost of accommodation, meals and other incidentals would require a substantial diversion of APRA's resources as the data sources are not in a form that makes this readily available.

1091. Travel planned relates to APRA's prudential regulation and supervision activities. Provision of expected travel information is not readily available and would require a substantial diversion of APRA's resources to compile.