

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

26 February 2014

Question: AET 666-668

Topic: Travel Costs

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

666. 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).
667. 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.
668. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

As at 5 March 2014:

666. Nil.

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Category	Amount (GST exclusive)
Domestic Travel Allowances	\$55,144
Domestic Airfares	\$196,078
Domestic Accommodation	\$17,166
Domestic Other Travel Costs	\$11,163
International Travel Allowances	\$7,565
International Airfares	\$56,920
International Accommodation	\$5,074
International Other Travel Costs	\$2,726
Airline Booking Fee	\$3,850
Whole of Government (WOG) Booking Fees	\$1,194
Taxi Charges	\$41,903
Total	\$398,783

The Commission does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided in relation to type of airfare. To attempt to provide a greater level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of agency resources.

Travel was undertaken to meet business operational requirements.

668. Planned travel is undertaken and approved by the delegate on a trip by trip basis.