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Department/Agency: TREASURY
Question: AET 1991-2000
Topic: Travel costs - Department
Reference: written - 19 February 2016
Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1991. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?

1992. If so, under what policy?

1993. Provide a copy of that policy.

1994. When was this policy implemented?

1995. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?

1996. Detail all travel (domestic and international) 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).

1997. 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.

1998. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?

1999. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?

2000. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1991. No. Ministerial approval is not required for departmental international travel.

1992. The relevant treasury delegate approves international travel.

1993. Refer to <http://www.finance.gov.au/procurement/travel-and-related-services/> for the appropriate policy that guides Treasury's international travel.

1994. The Official International Travel policy was implemented 10 February 2015 and the Official Domestic Air Travel policy was implemented July 2014.

1995. Not applicable under current policies.

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1996. Departmental Officers Accompanying Minister (15 September – 19 February 2016)

Meeting	Date	Location	Minister	Treasury Officials
G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Working Dinner	8-Oct-16	Lima, Peru	Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance	x 1
IMF / World Bank Annual Meetings	8 - 11 October 2015	Lima, Peru	Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance	x 5
G20 Leaders Summit	15 - 16 Nov 2015	Antalya, Turkey	Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance	x 3
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Meeting	13-Jan-16	Beijing, China	Hon Michael McCormack MP, Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister	x 2

Details of Costs are included in Departmental Costs below

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1997.

Domestic Flight expenditure 1 /09/ 2015 to 29/02/2016 exclusive of GST	\$ 529,725.29
International Flight expenditure - 1 /09/ 2015 to 29/02/2016 No GST applicable	\$ 730,501.22
Travel Allowance - 1 /09/ 2015 to 29/02/2016	
Total Domestic Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation, TA, Part Day TA)	\$ 376,085.20
Total International Travel Allowance Expenditure (Accommodation and TA) Note: Alcohol, gifts and entertainment are not paid to staff and are not included in these figures	\$ 651,061.46

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow an answer to be provided in relation to class of travel. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources. Travel was undertaken to meet business operational requirements.

1998. Not applicable under current policies.

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2000. Travel will be undertaken to meet operational business requirements for the remainder of the calendar year.